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Bush praises Soviet economic reform

Gorbachev gets green light for financial summit

By Martin Fletcher in Washington and Michael Binyon in London

PRESIDENT Bush declared yesterday that he was feeling more positive about aid for the Soviet Union, and American officials said that it was almost inevitable that President Gorbachev would be invited to the economic summit in London next month.

Mr Bush had just received what he described as an "extraordinarily helpful" briefing from President Gorbachev's envoy Yevgeni Primakov on Soviet plans to move to a market economy. He said: "I had the impression that they are undertaking what for them is – and what the world will see as – radical economic reform. I liked what I heard."

Although Mr Bush said he had reached no final decisions, senior American officials said that Mr Gorbachev could expect an invitation to the Group of Seven leading industrial nations (G7) meeting next month. Granting of "most favoured nation" status for the Soviet Union was also likely, as was a further waiving of American trade restrictions, paving the way for Mr Bush to grant Mr Gorbachev the $1.5 billion in agricultural credits he is seeking.

Britain and America have expressed doubts about inviting Mr Gorbachev to the G7 meeting, but the pressure on them to extend a formal invitation was increased yesterday when the head of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, asked the Soviet leader to London for a "working session" next month. No dates were suggested, but the bank clearly expected the timing to coincide with the economic summit on July 15-17.

Jacques Attali, the bank's president, helped to shape the agenda of previous summits and is a former close aide of President Mitterrand, who has been in the forefront of the move to invite Mr Gorbachev.

While France and Germany have publicly endorsed Mr Gorbachev's attendance, the Americans have tried to send Moscow a message that they regard his presence as inappropriate. Britain shares Washington's doubts, even though it was Margaret Thatcher who first mooted the idea of an invitation. Yesterday, James Baker, the American Secretary of State, issued a statement saying: "If President Gorbachev were to attend the economic summit, it is important that it be done in a way that would help promote the reform programme in the Soviet Union and move the Soviet Union toward a free market economy." One official said that if he did attend, Mr Gorbachev should not be able to use the occasion to steamroller the West into agreeing massive financial aid.

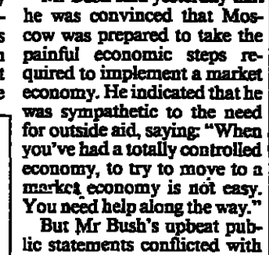
Senior Soviet officials are understood to have assured their Western counterparts that Mr Gorbachev would merely be taking the opportunity to lay out his views to Western leaders. The most that either side could expect, diplomats say, is a firm commitment of principle from Mr Gorbachev to deep economic reform, plus a corresponding statement of support from the seven heads of government.

Mr Bush said yesterday that he was convinced that Moscow was prepared to take the painful economic steps required to implement a market economy. He indicated that he was sympathetic to the need for outside aid, saying: "When you've had a totally controlled economy, to try to move to a market economy is not easy. You need help along the way."

But Mr Bush's upbeat public statements conflicted with the privately-expressed views of his officials, one of whom said that the latest Soviet economic plan did not represent "the really fundamental major effort" needed to move to the free market. He also questioned whether Moscow had the political will to accept the pain that would come with the transition.

While a "grand bargain" of substantial western aid in return for Soviet reforms seems unlikely, a series of announcements is expected over the next few days that could mark a period of fresh cooperation between the superpowers. This could begin today with what the resolution of a dispute over the Conventional Forces in Europe treaty when Mr Baker meets his Soviet counterpart Aleksandr Bessmertynkh in Lisbon. Such an agreement could open the way to a summit in Moscow this month or next and a treaty on reducing the two nations' strategic nuclear arsenals.

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Jacques Attali: asked Gorbachev for a meeting

Iceland leaves whale forum

By Michael McCarthy, environment correspondent

THE return of commercial whaling became a possibility last night when Iceland began the process of leaving the International Whaling Commission (IWC) after the rejection of its request to resume hunting, which has been banned since 1986. Norway indicated that it might follow suit.

At the closing session of the IWC conference in Reykjavik, Gudmundur Eriksson, the Icelandic whaling commissioner, said that when Iceland ceased to be a member, which under commission rules could not happen until June 30 next year, his country would resume whale hunting. "This tendency to ban all whaling will not last for ever," he said. "It is a very firmly held opinion in Iceland that whaling should continue. The public is totally behind it."

Describing the commission as "totally flawed" and saying that it was being wagged by the tail of the anti-whaling nations, led by Australia and New Zealand and including Britain and America, Mr Eriksson said that he would formally recommend withdrawal to the Icelandic government. It is regarded as highly likely that the government will follow his advice.

His announcement came after delegates refused to vote on Iceland's request to take 92 fin whales and 150 to 200 minke whales in the waters of the Atlantic this summer, saying that as the whaling moratorium had not been lifted, a vote would be out of order.

The Norwegian commissioner, Jan Arvesen, said that the commission appeared to have transformed itself from an international body for the management of whaling to one for its prohibition. Norway would now seriously reconsider its membership, he said.

There is no doubt that if either country did resume whaling it would pay a high price in terms of international opprobrium and the consumer boycotts of exports. Iceland could face direct trade sanctions, but some Icelanders, at least, seem prepared to pay the price.

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CLIVE BARDA

Stage tricks: the Green Knight's head, brandished by Gawain, in fine voice

A severed head sings on at the Garden

By Simon Tait
Arts Correspondent

THE kind of spooky effects which have given West End musicals a new dimension in the last few years have reached the classical stage in Covent Garden's production of *Gawain*, Sir Harrison Birtwhistle's new opera.

Production tricks include a severed head which sings, laser beams which engulf the performers and winter storms which leave the stage unmarked and the hero's cloak crusted in snow. The opera, taken from the 14th century poem *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight*, has Gawain (Francois Le Roux) grasping the severed head of the Green Knight as it continues to sing a baleful challenge.

The trick is a closely guarded secret but involves remote control electronics operating the eyes and mouth of a life-like sculptured head while John Tomlinson, playing the Green Knight, sings from the stage area but out of sight.

Sir Harrison was musical director for the National Theatre until 1982 and it was a National Theatre team of Di Trevis as director and Alison Chitty as designer, both making their Covent Garden debuts, which created the production's effects.

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Unionists list nine possible chairmen

By Edward Gorman, Irish Affairs Correspondent

ULSTER Unionists, claiming to be frustrated that political talks on Northern Ireland's future remain delayed, made their own suggestions yesterday for the post of an independent chairman for stage two of the Brooke initiative on devolution.

After having first bluntly rejected Lord Carrington, the former foreign secretary, and then publicly denigrated him for his alleged bias against Unionists, Ian Paisley and James Molyneaux sent the government nine names.

The list was faxed from Mr Paisley's offices in Belfast to the British embassy in Dublin for consideration by Peter Brooke, the Northern Ireland secretary, during his hastily arranged session of talks with Gerry Collins, the Irish Republic's foreign minister.

In a statement, Mr Paisley described the nine suggested candidates as including "people of high standing within the political, academic and legal world". He added that he and Mr Molyneaux believed it necessary that the question of the chairman should be dealt with quickly so that the first stage of the talks can get under way next week.

However, after four hours of discussion with Mr Collins at the Dublin foreign ministry, there was no sign from either man that an agreement had been reached on a new candidate or list of candidates for chairman.

Mr Brooke called the meeting a "thoroughly useful occasion", allowing him to bring Mr Collins up to date on recent developments in Belfast. He added that both governments would press ahead with the initiative.

The secretary of state thanked the Unionists for offering their list of candidates. "One of the helpful things they have done by the letter today is to give an index of the kind of person that they would be content to sit under", he said.

Pay gap is still widening

PAY of British chief executives increased by 281 per cent over the last ten years. Their wages rose from 11 times that of skilled manual workers to 24 times as much.

A new survey by Incomes Data Services shows that since 1980, skilled electricians have had a 123 per cent pay increase, clerical workers 124 per cent and accountants 157 per cent. Tiny Rowland of Lonrho is the highest paid chief executive with an annual salary last year of £1,530,951. Sir Ian MacLaurin of Tesco is second with (£1,482,000).

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Rebels ask West for urgent famine relief

From Andrew Lycett
in Addis Ababa

VICTORIOUS rebel leaders yesterday turned to Western relief workers for immediate help in feeding an estimated 7.3 million drought victims, many of whom have been cut off from famine relief by disruption caused by the overthrow of Mengistu.

Officials in neighbouring Sudan said 100,000 Ethiopians had fled there and 150,000 more could be on their way. The relief agencies called for an emergency airdrop of food to the refugees fleeing from camps in Ethiopia into a border swamp, fearful of attack by the rebels.

In Addis Ababa, diplomatic sources said Meles Zenawi, who heads the ruling Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Democratic Front, was expected to arrive shortly.

Yesterday's meeting with nearly 300 relief officials came as the capital gradually returned to normal after two days of protests against the insurgents and Washington's role in the takeover on Tuesday. At least 10 protesters were killed since Wednesday in demonstrations broken up by gunfire outside the US embassy and other buildings.

The breakdown of law and order in many parts of Ethiopia since the rebel takeover has hampered and even halted the distribution of relief supplies. The UN High Commissioner for Refugees says the situation in the Ogaden region is "near to catastrophe".

Some 600,000 Somali refugees and 200,000 Ethiopians newly returned from Somalia have had no food deliveries for five days. "We need to get supplies to them right away," Sylvina Foé, a commission spokeswoman, said yesterday in Geneva.

"Overall, the food pipeline for about 1.2 million people under our care in Ethiopia has been virtually severed by the civil conflicts. And the food situation for another estimated seven million displaced persons and drought victims in the Horn of Africa is hardly less desperate."

Tamrat Layne, vice-chairman of the Ethiopian front, promised aid agencies that the restoration of security and the

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IN HER FASHION



'It seems improbable now, but the world's most photographed clotheshorse landed in our consciousness wearing a gossamer Laura Ashley skirt. A few months later she was still learning the hard way how to duck out of a limousine while wearing a low-cut dress'

From Lady Diana Spencer to the Princess of Wales: Liz Smith on a fashion decade

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'The hungry breed is moving on to the croquet lawn. The old guard is being swept from the higher reaches of the game by a generation of croquet brats. They swing a mean mallet, they are out to win, and if there is a chance of a television spot, they go for it without a pang of fastidious nostalgia'

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'The regeneration of Julie, unlike the educating of Rita, followed no script: it was, and is, improvised on a daily basis. The effect of this renewal is so dramatic that it has enabled the actress to capitalise on an appalling personal ordeal'

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Nobody told Britain it was no smoking day

By Philip Jacobson
and Bill Frost

INTERNATIONAL "No Tobacco Day" passed unnoticed in taprooms, wine bars and other places of public entertainment across Britain yesterday. Ashtrays filled and smokers coughed , oblivious to the World Health Organisation event.

" I don't know anything about International No Tobacco Day. It is nothing to do with us," said a spokeswoman at the Department of Health. "Can you hang on a moment?"

The Health Education Authority was more clued up. "International No Tobacco Day has been called by the WHO. The idea is that nobody smokes in public places , aboard passenger jets, or taxis," said a spokeswoman. "We have sent 'No-smoking please' stickers out to London cabbies but unfortunately they will not arrive before next week. We also wanted to get a celebrity from the Channel Four soap, Brookside, to pose in the back of a cab for a photo opportunity but he was too busy."

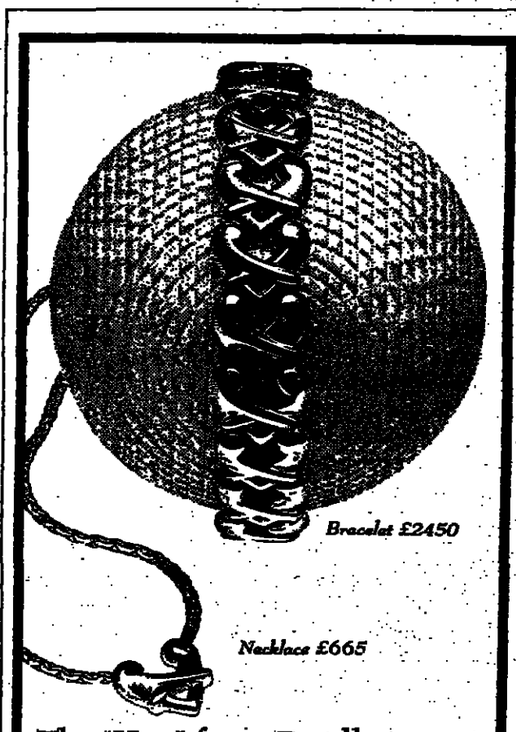
ASH, Action on Smoking and Health, were too busy to take part. David Pollock, its director, said: "This has never been a major event. It is overshadowed by our own No Smoking Day. We have been exceptionally busy supporting the EC directive aimed at banning the advertising of tobacco."

On the other side of the Channel they tried a little harder. In Paris, among the grumbling crowds on métro platforms and at bus stops, some brave souls had managed to leave home without the usual supply of Gitanes or Gauloises.

One elegant young woman announced that she intended to drop her 40 a day habit completely, preferring a cold turkey approach to countless failed attempts to cut down. "Bravo" said a male voice behind her, its owner gallantly ditching a half-full packet of Caporal in sympathy: "Don't ask me how I'll get until tomorrow, because 24 minutes is long enough for me to go without a fag, but maybe it will help if we have to walk home after work."

Small beginnings, perhaps, but an indication that the tide is continuing to turn against smoking in a country whose dedication to lighting up results in at least 65,000 tobacco-related deaths a year. Although visitors to France, to Paris especially, may come away with a different impression, the remarkable truth is that French men seem at last to have got the anti-smoking message, although on the streets of Paris, many a fashionable young lady strides along with a cigarette between her well-manicured fingers.





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The rise and rise of executive pay with little rhyme or reason

Executive pay rises cause controversy, but David Young reports that giving top men top pay does not guarantee the best results

IN THE past ten years the average pay of the British chief executive has risen by 281 per cent, from 11 times the pay of a skilled manual worker to 24 times.

A survey by the Top Pay Unit of Incomes Data Services has also found that since 1980, the earnings of a skilled electrician have risen by only 123 per cent; of a clerical worker by 124 per cent and of an accountant by 157 per cent.

Britain's five highest-paid chief executives are Tiny Rowland, of Lonrho (£1,530,951); Sir Ian MacLaurin, of Tesco (£1,482,000); Lord Hanson, of the Hanson Group (£1,457,000); Bob Bauman, of SmithKline Beecham (£1,224,000); and Richard Giordano, of BOC Group (£1,024,562). By comparison, the £155,000 salary of Robin Leigh-Pemberton, governor of the Bank of England, appears modest. The fact that he accepted a 17 per cent pay rise while at the same time urging pay restraint on the rest of the nation brought the issue of directors' earnings into sharp focus.

The discomfort of Mick Newmarch, the chief executive of Prudential, when shareholders this week questioned his 43 per cent pay increase to a salary of £543,000, reported in the company annual accounts for 1990-1, at a time when company profits had fallen, fuelled the controversy. The fact that in the current year his earnings will probably be considerably less will, however, not impress many shareholders. Nevertheless, not all chief executives' salaries have risen. Some, such as Lord King of Wartnaby and Colin Marshall at British Airways have their pay linked to a formula, so that it drops when profits drop. This year they will receive £100,000 less than last year.

The most spectacular pay-cut in recent years was that taken by Gene Lockhart, director of UK banking at Midland Bank. He earned £726,000 in 1989 because of the way his salary was linked to high-street banking profits, but in 1990 took home £429,000.

Yesterday it was disclosed that the chief executive of the world's largest marketing services company, WPP, waived £93,000 of his pay last year. Martin Sorrell, whose group recently completed a major financial restructuring to ease the pressure of its huge debts and failed to pay a dividend to shareholders, was due to receive £600,000. However, the annual report shows he accepted only £507,000, down more than 19 per cent on the £629,000 he received in 1989.

A survey by the Institute of Directors and the pay analysts Reward found that directors of small companies spent more time at work than their counterparts in bigger companies and were paid comparatively less. However, another survey of directors' earnings in small companies carried out by the institute found that they bore very little relation to changes in company profits.

Nearly three-fifths of the highest-paid directors in 60 Unlisted Securities Market firms analysed received increases last year above the percentage growth in pre-tax profits. The average increased 31.1 per cent to £81,500 a year.

BRITAIN'S MOST PROFITABLE COMPANIES

	Pre-tax Profits 1990 (£m)	Profits 1989	MD/Chief executive	Highest director's earnings 1990 (£)	1989 (£)
British Petroleum	2,768	2,533	Robert Horton	537,000	709,000
British Telecom	2,437	2,302	Ian Vallance	374,000	283,000
Hanson Group	1,285	1,064	Lord Hanson	1,457,000	1,534,000
British Gas	1,051	1,054	Robert Evans	223,000	210,000
ICI	977	1,527	Denys Henderson	448,000	514,000
BTR	986	1,080	Alan Jackson	179,000	179,000
BAT Industries	963	2,041	Patrick Sheehy	522,000	602,000
Grand Metropolitan	919	732	Sir Allen Shepherd	639,000	506,000
General Electric	872	796	Lord Weinstock	385,000	296,000
SmithKline Beecham	860	723	Bob Bauman	1,224,000	864,000
Guinness	847	691	Anthony Tennant	615,000	495,000
Barclays Bank	760	892	Andrew Buxton	554,000	470,000
British Steel	733	593	Sir Robert Scholey	308,000	172,000
Shell	666	618	Sir Peter Holmes	529,000	483,000
Marks & Spencer	604	529	Lord Rayner	620,000	424,000
Lloyds Bank	591	Lost £715m	Brian Pitman	331,000	307,000
Abbey National	582	278	Peter Birch	192,000	189,000
Allied Lyons	565	502	Richard Marun	325,000	443,000

Another survey of directors' salaries also found that companies that paid more than £500,000 for their top man appeared to be far more likely to get into trouble than their less generous counterparts. A list published in October 1989 by Charterhouse and Monks showed that as many as eight out of 19 had recently disappointed shareholders. Fourteen saw their share prices perform worse than the stock market average.

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Heads may clash on tests as Eggar refuses to yield

By DAVID TYTLER, EDUCATION EDITOR

HEAD teachers were on a collision course with the government yesterday over the compulsory testing of seven-year-old pupils after Tim Eggar, the education minister, said there was no question of scrapping a national system of testing, although it would be substantially revised.

He was given a noisy reception when he addressed the annual conference of the National Association of Head Teachers in Scarborough. He refused to accept its proposal for replacing the test with continual assessment validated by senior teachers from other schools.

"We are now on a collision course with the government," David Hart, the association's general secretary, said.

"The assessment of seven-year-olds is the battleground. The government is retreating but heads want continual teacher assessment with external validation." The heads, however, welcomed Mr Eggar's announcement that there would be further reductions in the science and reading tests and that more time would be given for teachers to complete the national standard assessment tasks (Sats) and their own assessments.

Mr Eggar said outside the conference hall: "I don't believe that there is a great gulf between us. There is an acceptance that there has to be external validation. The challenge is to come up with a system that is valid, manageable and fair to the child. I have not seen a system that does this better than suitably amended Sats."

The experts responsibile for the pilot tests last year had "got it wrong" and it was only at the insistance of ministers that this year's testing had been considerably reduced. "I rather wish I had been tougher, saying that they should be reduced even further," he said.

The minister had told the conference: "Let no one delude themselves that getting rid of tests is an option. It is not. I am not going to pretend that we hit the bullseye first time round and it is clear enough to all that there remain problems that we have got to iron out. Even if adjustments still need to be made we are clearly on the right lines."

Shouts of "rubbish" greeted his suggestion that testing had only highlighted problems of classroom management, not caused them. "Many teachers say that they are worried about what the rest of the class are doing when they concentrate on a group of four for testing," he said. "Concentrating on a group of children is the typical pattern of everyday teaching in the infants classroom. Does this mean that the problem highlighted by Sats has been there all along?"

Further revised and simpler attainment targets in mathematics and science were due in 1993 and that would be the time "to take a more root and branch look at the statutory frame work for itself."

● Scottish education authorities reacted angrily yesterday to a suggestion by the Scottish Office education minister, Michael Forsyth, that truancy rates could be included in school handbooks issued to parents.

The Convention of Scottish Local Authorities' education committee denied that truancy was a major problem. Its vice-convenor, Elizabeth Maginnis, said fewer than one in 200 pupils persistently went absent and their cases featured difficult home and social backgrounds.



Testing time: Tim Eggar, the education minister, addressing a hostile head teachers' conference yesterday

Morris confident despite race fears

Supporters of Bill Morris, deputy general secretary of the TGWU, were confident yesterday as voting closed in the contest for the leadership of the transport union that he would be elected as the new general secretary (Philip Bassett writes).

While there were some last-minute nerves in Mr Morris's camp that the race issue that has lurked behind the three-month election campaign – if elected, Mr Morris will become Britain's first black union leader – may have swayed some voters, his backers believe that he will next week be declared to have won.

For their part, supporters of the other front-runner, George Wright, the union's regional secretary for Wales, said that their superior regional organisation would tell. Significantly, neither side was predicting a landslide.

Nurse struck off

Sheila Metcalf, aged 54, who ran an old people's home in Ilkley, West Yorkshire, was struck off the nursing register yesterday. The professional conduct committee of the UK Nursing Council found 16 of 20 charges proved, including not providing enough food and being regularly drunk on duty.

Plea to Muslims

Kenneth Baker, the home secretary, yesterday urged Muslims to join the police. Speaking at in Glasgow he said: "It is vitally important that in those parts of Britain where ethnic minorities make up a significant proportion of the local community, police forces should include members of those minorities."

Writ over trial

Kevin Taylor, the businessman who was a central figure in the John Stalker affair, yesterday issued a writ for damages against Greater Manchester's chief constable, Sir James Anderton. It stems from the trial on fraud charges of Mr Taylor that collapsed last year after the judge held that police had lied to get information.

Rees to quit the Commons

By OUR POLITICAL EDITOR

MERLYN Rees, one of Labour's most experienced ex-ministers and a backbench voice respected throughout the Commons, is to leave the Commons at the next election.

Mr Rees, aged 69, the Labour MP for Morley and Leeds South, is a former home secretary and Northern Ireland secretary who was a close associate of the former prime minister James Callaghan. He is the seventieth MP to announce that he is not standing again.

Succeeding Hugh Gaitskell in Leeds South in 1963, Mr Rees rapidly became PPS to James Callaghan, then Chancellor. As Northern Ireland secretary from 1974-76 Mr Rees ended detention without trial and the special status for "political prisoners" but failed in his attempts with a constitutional convention.



Rees: backbench voice respected by MPs

Call for dog registration

THE apparent confusion over government proposals to control dangerous dogs has prompted Roy Hattersley, the shadow home secretary, to write to the prime minister demanding the introduction of a dog registration scheme (Robert Morgan writes).

The Labour deputy leader said that if the government fails to include registration in its emergency bill the country will want to know how the controls needed for the safety of the citizen and the welfare of dogs can be enforced. Mr Hattersley wants stringent safety rules and third party insurance taken out by owners of specified dangerous breeds.

Nearly a fortnight ago, after a savage attack on a six-year-old Bradford girl, Mr Major announced immediate moves to ban killer dogs. But the government has constantly set its face against registration, saying that the owners of such animals would not register anyway.

Hurd seeks to calm Tory nerves on united Europe

By ROBIN OAKLEY, POLITICAL EDITOR

DOUGLAS Hurd, the foreign secretary, yesterday redoubled cabinet efforts to steady Tory nerves on Europe.

He promised there would be "no great bust-up", but warned Britain's EC partners not to push the pace of integration too fast. And he gave assurances to Eurosceptics in the Tory ranks that Britain's national identity and way of life were not about to disappear into a European super-state.

In a speech to the North Shropshire Conservative Association, Mr Hurd said that "sour or bored commentators" were looking for an explosion within the Tory party over Europe and added: "We would be crazy to indulge them."

Mr Hurd said that this was not the time for a two-tier Europe. The Community would only move forward "at a pace which all agree".

"The Conservative party will keep its unity. And Europe will move on. That is the prospect, provided of course we keep cool wits about us." Mr Hurd said that Britain wanted all decisions taken at the lowest effective level. He said: "In Britain we are not prepared to accept policies at a European level which run counter to our policies at home."

While Britain had agreed there should be a social dimension to the creation of the single market, "acceptance is not an invitation for the commission to rewrite our industrial relations' legislation." He added that Britain would not accept majority voting in this area.

Britain would accept "a high proportion" of the social directives still lying on the table. "But the Community must not saddle itself with measures which make itself uncompetitive in international markets, nor should we introduce rigidities which inhibit poorer member states, such as those in the Mediterranean, catching up with the richer ones."

The foreign secretary depicted Britain's role within Europe as a practical one, that of the craftsman rather than the visionary.

But he argued that her EC partners no longer had any doubt that Britain's future lay in Europe. She was not isolated or embattled.

"Discussions are won by arguments put from inside the room, not by shouting angrily from outside," he said.

He also said that European union embraced co-operation in terrorism, drugs and common approaches to foreign policy. Flexibility, not uniformity, was the key and some activities may not involve all 12 members.

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June washout on the cards

By BILL FROST

BETS on a flaming June could prove unwise, with forecasters predicting cool, showery, unsettled and unseasonal weather. The rain expected across much of the country next week will, however, not bring a relaxation of hosepipe bans imposed in many parts.

The London Weather Centre said yesterday that temperatures for the beginning of the month were likely to be below average. Derby Day punters at Epsom were advised to take an umbrella.

The national prognosis for the coming week is not good if you are in search of sun. Barbecues, picnics and garden parties could well prove to be damp and chilly affairs. A weather centre spokesman said: "We expect a low over Ireland moving eastwards, and showers from the north-west across most of the country. As for the rest of the month, we will not stick our necks out: it is in the lap of the gods."

Forecasted rainfall over the next seven days did little to ease pessimism among water companies worried by the increasing gap between supply and demand. River flow is down, and underground aquifers, upon which much of the south of the country depends for water, are not being replenished for the third year.

Anglian Water said that a hosepipe ban imposed last August had been extended to include a million consumers across the region. "Fifty per cent of our supplies come from aquifers, and levels are at a hundred year low," a spokesman said. "We need a solid three months of rain to get back to normal." South West Water is also considering introducing a hosepipe ban.

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Fears grow for undergraduate as exam is missed and bloodstained car is found

Police search for missing student and ex-boyfriend

By LIN JENKINS

POLICE were last night searching for a student and her American former boyfriend after her car was found with blood stains on the seats. She had failed to turn up for an exam.

Catherine Ayling, aged 24, studying for a BA in humanities at Crewe and Alsager college, Cheshire, was last seen on Wednesday evening, preparing in the library for an exam the next day. After she failed to appear she was reported missing, and concern over her whereabouts mounted when her bloodstained Citroën 2CV was discovered in the student car park.

Fellow students had seen a man answering the description of Curtis Howard, her former boyfriend, near the college on Wednesday. Police believe he hired a car for two days from Stoke-on-Trent on Wednesday and had it delivered to the Holly Tree hotel, Alsager. The couple first met when Miss Ayling was on an exchange trip to Maryland College, Massachusetts.

They had parted by the time Mr Howard arrived in Britain last summer looking for her and was involved in a domestic dispute at the home of her sister in Littlehampton, West Sussex. He was later charged with criminal damage.

Detective Superintendent David Holt said of the incident: "I do not think Catherine wanted their association to become as deep as he did and I think that her family were trying to protect her." At first, police believed that Miss Ayling, whose parents are deceased and who has two sisters living in Sussex, had simply done what several students do and decided she could not face sitting her final exams.

"This evidence, the association and the past incident has caused us to become very concerned for the welfare of Catherine. It is absolutely essential we talk to Curtis but most of all it is essential we find Catherine," said Mr Holt.

Caroline Evans, Miss Ayling's welfare officer at the college, said Miss Ayling had confided in her when Mr Howard came looking for her last year and had created havoc at her sister's home. "Police caught up with him and put him in Lewes prison. She did not meet him on that occasion, but knew he was there. She was very concerned because the whole incident alienated her from her sister. He was obsessed with her." She added that Miss Ayling was hoping to study for a masters degree at Nottingham or Exeter universities.

Forensic teams are examining the car and the immigration service is checking records to see if Mr Howard, aged 24, has recently arrived in the country. Ports and airports have also been alerted.

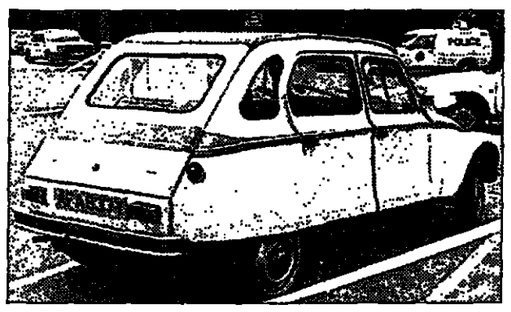
Mr Holt said there was no suggestion that Mr Howard had been to Catherine's lodgings in Talke Road, Alsager, which she shared with a teacher and another student, nor that he had ever harmed her.

He said they believed Mr Howard was driving a green Montego bearing the registration number H157 TWG. He is described as 6ft 3in tall, of Afro-Caribbean appearance and with a marked American accent. Miss Ayling, who is 5ft 3in tall, with dark, straight hair, was last seen wearing a red woolly jacket; white jeans, black shoes and black socks with white spots.

Last night 30 police officers were searching the area and interviewing some of the 2,500 full-time and 1,000 part-time students at the college.



Catherine Ayling, last seen studying for an exam she failed to turn up for



Miss Ayling's Citroën 2CV, found in a car park, which is being examined by forensic experts

Irishman is held over ETA car-bomb attack

By HARRY DEBELIUS AND STEWART TENDLER

SPANISH security forces yesterday continued questioning an Irishman arrested after a Basque commando killed nine people, including four children, in a car-bomb attack on a Civil Guard police barracks near Barcelona on Wednesday.

The arrest was made in Barcelona in a pre-dawn raid and a number of men were held during police investigations. Three people have also been arrested in France.

The attack is part of an ETA campaign to strike at venues for the Olympic Games next year.

Yesterday, an Irish Embassy spokesman in Madrid said police had transferred the Irishman from Barcelona to a Madrid security installation. Under special anti-terrorist provisions he can be held without charge for up to 48 hours, and then for another 72 hours with a judge's authorisation.

ETA is thought to have chosen the police barracks in Vich as a target because the town is scheduled to be the scene of roller hockey matches as part of the Barcelona Olympics next year. In a bomb attack last December, the Barcelona commando killed six policemen outside a football stadium in Sabadell, which is another centre for the Olympics.

The ETA attack led to a rapid round-up of suspects by police after tip-offs from private citizens and an amateur video-recording of the bombers making their getaway from the scene of the attack in a vehicle. Police tracked down the leader of the Barcelona commando and two other ETA activists in a rented house in the nearby town of Lliçà d'Amunt.

The leader, Joan Carles Monteagudo Povo, and another wanted member, Juan Felix Erezuma, died of gunshot wounds after Civil Guard forces stormed the house. A third ETA member, Juan José Zubieta, wanted for his part in a shoot-out in Navarra last year in which a Civil Guard policeman and two rebels died, was captured without resistance.

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On Her Majesty's Service

"Prince Philip was in trouble, but he knew how to deal with it. Turning to his wife in front of their small group of guests, he bowed formally and said: "I'm very sorry I'm late, your Majesty." Then he



helped himself to a drink and the atmosphere became like that of any other Scottish house party. His gaffe that evening at Balmoral had been to come down later than the Queen . . ."

Tim Heald, from his biography The Duke: A Portrait of Prince Philip, in The Sunday Times tomorrow

Peace talks near as Post Office qualifies offer

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

TALKS aimed at settling the Post Office counter dispute are likely after the weekend.

The way was cleared yesterday for talks to end the dispute after the Post Office lifted a condition on its 7 per cent pay offer, which led to the four-day strike. The stoppage, which has been patchily supported, is in its last day today.

In a letter to the Union of Communication Workers (UCW), Bob Peaple, PO Counters' personnel director, lifted from the 7 per cent offer the condition that in making it, it had to be recommended by the UCW executive for acceptance by the union's counter staff members.

Mr Peaple wrote: "I would like to make it clear that our offer remains at 7 per cent but that I now attach no conditions of any kind to it. It is a clear, simple, open offer."

After he had received the letter, Alan Tuffin, UCW general secretary, immediately contacted the Post Office management, seeking a meeting. Further contact will take place this weekend.

The UCW's strike committee is meeting on Monday and all the union's officials have been called into the head office. The executive committee, which called the strike against Mr Tuffin's recommendation, has been put on standby.

Today's strike action is likely to receive the severely limited support which has characterised the previous three days. Based on the number of staff it had paid during the strikes, the Post Office released new figures yesterday showing that only 26 per cent of the 14,500 counter staff have taken part in the stoppages – 3,144 on Wednesday and 3,136 on Thursday.

Precise details of the number taking part in the strikes were circulated by the Post Office to all counter staff yesterday. The union side disputed the figures, but with less conviction than earlier in the week.

Mr Tuffin said yesterday that he had received Mr People's letter, adding: "There is a responsibility on both sides now to talk."

In such talks, the UCW will press for a repackaging of the offer to provide an increase of about 7.5 per cent. That, the union says, woul mean no extra cost to employers.

The Post Office said yesterday that if accepted, its offer would be backdated to April 1 and could be in next month's pay packets.

Calls swamp waiting-list helpline

By ALICE THOMSON

THE telephones lines were jammed continually at the College of Health yesterday as NHS patients took advantage of the charity's new waiting-list helpline.

The service is designed to provide GPs and patients with up-to-date computerised information on hospital lists. Staff were inundated by calls, some from patients who had been waiting for years. The college's director, Marianne Rigge, said: "Some people have been ringing for four hours to get through, but as they've often been waiting for two years for operations, we hope they won't mind being patient just a little longer."

The three staff who monitor the phones ask callers what operations they need. The computers search for the shortest waiting lists and provide telephone numbers of the hospitals concerned.

"The next bit of homework is for the patients to do," Mrs Rigge said. "They must ring round the hospitals and talk to their GP to see if they can be transferred."

The charity has been counselling people for seven years on where to go for the earliest operations, but it was only last autumn that the Department of Health gave it the money to set up the line.

One patient had waited for 18 months for a hernia operation to be performed at a West Country hospital and was then told he would have to wait another three years. Aged 75, he was convinced that he would die first, but Mrs Rigge found a hospital several hundred miles away where he had the operation immediately.

Many of the callers yesterday were in similar predicaments. A counsellor, Pat Whalley, said: "Callers are often too frightened to keep pestering their GP with their problem. Many are housebound and in great pain but most are prepared to travel anywhere to have their operation."

The project manager, Linda Miles, said: "The amount we can do for people depends on whether their doctor is self-funding or not. Doctors who are not self-funding will be restricted in the amount of shopping around they can do."

In the next few weeks, callers will be sent a questionnaire asking if they have been successful and the results will be passed to the Department of Health. "There are 1,100,000 people on waiting lists so we can't help everyone," said Mrs Rigge, "but this is a first step."

Club siege gunman is jailed

AN ARAB gunman was jailed for 12 years by the Central Criminal Court yesterday for holding 150 people hostage in a London nightclub. The motive for Hani Elrayes's attack on Tokyo Joe's, in Piccadilly, remains a mystery.

Elrayes, aged 31, a Syrian, of Edgware Road, Paddington, stormed the club last July, armed with a shotgun and a rifle and with a dummy bomb. He fired a shot, threatened to detonate the bomb and demanded a bus to Heathrow for himself and 60 hostages and a flight to Beirut. Hostages included members of Gulf royal families. Elrayes eventually surrendered to police. Elrayes, who had been drinking heavily before he struck, was convicted earlier last month of firearms offences, threats to kill and false imprisonment.

Judge Rivlin, QC, praised the bravery of two constables, Michael King, a partygoer at the club, and David Crawley, on duty for the Diplomatic Protection Corps. PC King had acted "beyond the call of duty" by offering to be a hostage to try to get Elrayes to free others. PC Crawley had done his best to calm Elrayes.

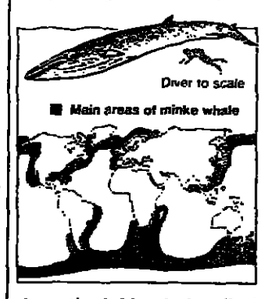
Wimp of a whale dressed in grey

By NICK NUTTALL, TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

THE minke, the creature at the centre of the whaling conference in Iceland, is a small cosmopolitan species found across the world's oceans and seas with strongholds in the waters around Antarctica.

Unlike its more glamorous and mysterious baleen whale cousins such as the mighty blue, most scientists consider the minke a rather characterless, boring mammal. Its unminke, *Balaenoptera acutorostrata* from its pointed snout, means it is often confused with other species such as the bottlenose and the pygmy right whale.

The ten-ton minke has features which vary between populations in the northern and southern hemispheres. The overall colour is slate grey, with pale grey to white on the belly and throat and a tallish dorsal fin sited two thirds of the way down the back.



Flippers often have a bright white diagonal band and some populations may sport a pale grey chevron on the back resembling a small cape. In the southern hemisphere males grow to about 8 metres and females to around 8.2 metres. In the north they are generally smaller.

The minke, the only species to have been caught fleetingly in captivity, differs from other rorqual whales in being relatively inquisitive. It will approach boats and has been petted in the Antarctic although, when scared, will race away at up to 19mph.

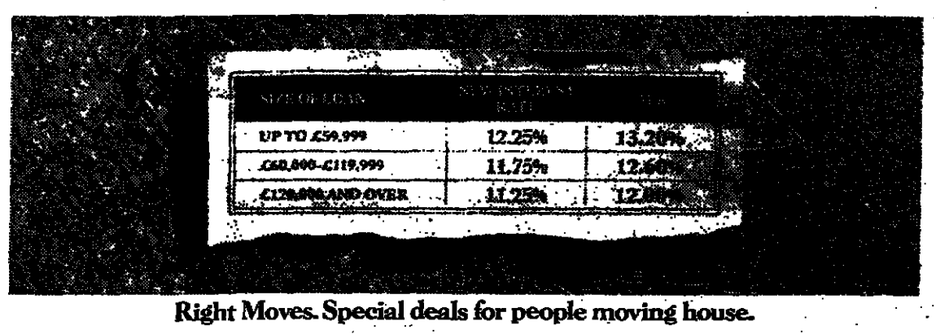
Largely due to a decline in bigger, better oil-yielding species, commercial whaling of minkes really began in the early Seventies. Close to half a million may live in the Antarctic, with several million worldwide.

dramatic air blow is described by one expert as "not very impressive".

Anthony Martin, an authority on whales who is based at the Sea Mammal Unit in Cambridge, said: "I think of them as the equivalent of marine cows, grazing the seas for plankton . . . They are at the lower end of the cerebral spectrum when compared with dolphins or killer whales, which have to outthink their prey." The blandness of the

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Dermatologist's funny business

By JOE JOSEPH

FOR £30 Dhyan Sutorius, a Dutch dermatologist, says he will make you laugh at a seminar in central London tomorrow as a way of healing and transforming your inner being. Either you find this funny or you don't.

If you're used to watching, say, the comedians Fry and Laurie for free on television, you might wonder why you should pay £30 to listen to a Dutch skin specialist. You might also wonder why, in addition to £30 ("in cash"), Dr Sutorius asks you to bring along a sleeping bag, a sheet, a blanket, a mirror, a pen, paper and a light lunch. Either his jokes are very complicated or there will be a guest appearance by a *Blue Peter* presenter, who will demonstrate how to make a snappy Father's Day gift out of all the above.

On the other hand, if the only contact you generally have with humour is, say, Bernard Manning or Bob Monkhouse, then £30 might well seem a bargain, even to listen to the stand-up routine of an acne consultant.

Not that Dr Sutorius tells jokes, not even about dermatology. No, Dr Sutorius, founder of the Centre in Favour of Laughter in Holland, preaches and practises what he calls "laughter meditation", which he discovered in India 15 years ago, because "unfortunately, the psycho-therapeutic value of laughter is underestimated and its incredible force is not used to its full extent". The workshop, or "laughshop" consists of a three-stage exercise lasting 15 minutes. First you stretch all your muscles. Then you laugh, though you can also cry. According to Dr Sutorius, laughing and crying are very close (see Manning or Monkhouse). The third stage is silence, which might seem an anti-climax if you were expecting to be slapping your thighs in mirth.

Dr Sutorius says that those who take part in his seminar emerge with feelings of "being whole", "deep relaxation", "deep cleaning or being unburdened". But the laughing dermatologist also writes in his promotional brochure that some of his hysterical graduates feel "a huge YES! for what is NOW, for what I have NOW, for what I am NOW". So if you have an understandable fear of suddenly talking oddly in capital letters, this laughshop MAY not be for YOU.

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Bogus tourists and film men helped to foil drug smugglers

By KERRY GILL

AS THREE men from the Scottish Highlands began prison sentences of up to 25 years for their part in a £100 million cocaine smuggling operation it emerged yesterday that they were the latest victims of clandestine customs operations known as "tooth and claw".

The operations were carried out by customs officials strung out along the rugged and often barely accessible coastline of Scotland and Northern Ireland. Their aim was to sift local information on the activities of potential drug-smugglers. The elements of the operations could provide the plot for a Buchan novel.

"Tooth and claw", unpublicised until now, is run by customs officers and their "fast-action response teams" to track international gangs using the 4,000-mile Scottish coastline to run drugs from the Far East, Africa and South America into the European market. It involves intelligence-gathering by locals, from a village GP walking his dog along a clifftop, to fishermen and police officers.

The customs men, aided by local informants, look for suspicious "clusters" of intelligence that can be fed into the department's £14 million worldwide computer system. John Clifford, assistant chief investigations officer for Scotland and Northern Ireland, said "tooth and claw" was so successful that it was being copied by colleagues in the rest of Britain.

A cluster, he said, was a number of activities that, when pulled together, indicated an embryo smuggling operation. Operation Klondyke, which led to the seizure of £101.5 million worth of cocaine on the Sutherland coast and the jailing of five people earlier this year, was a result of the initiative.

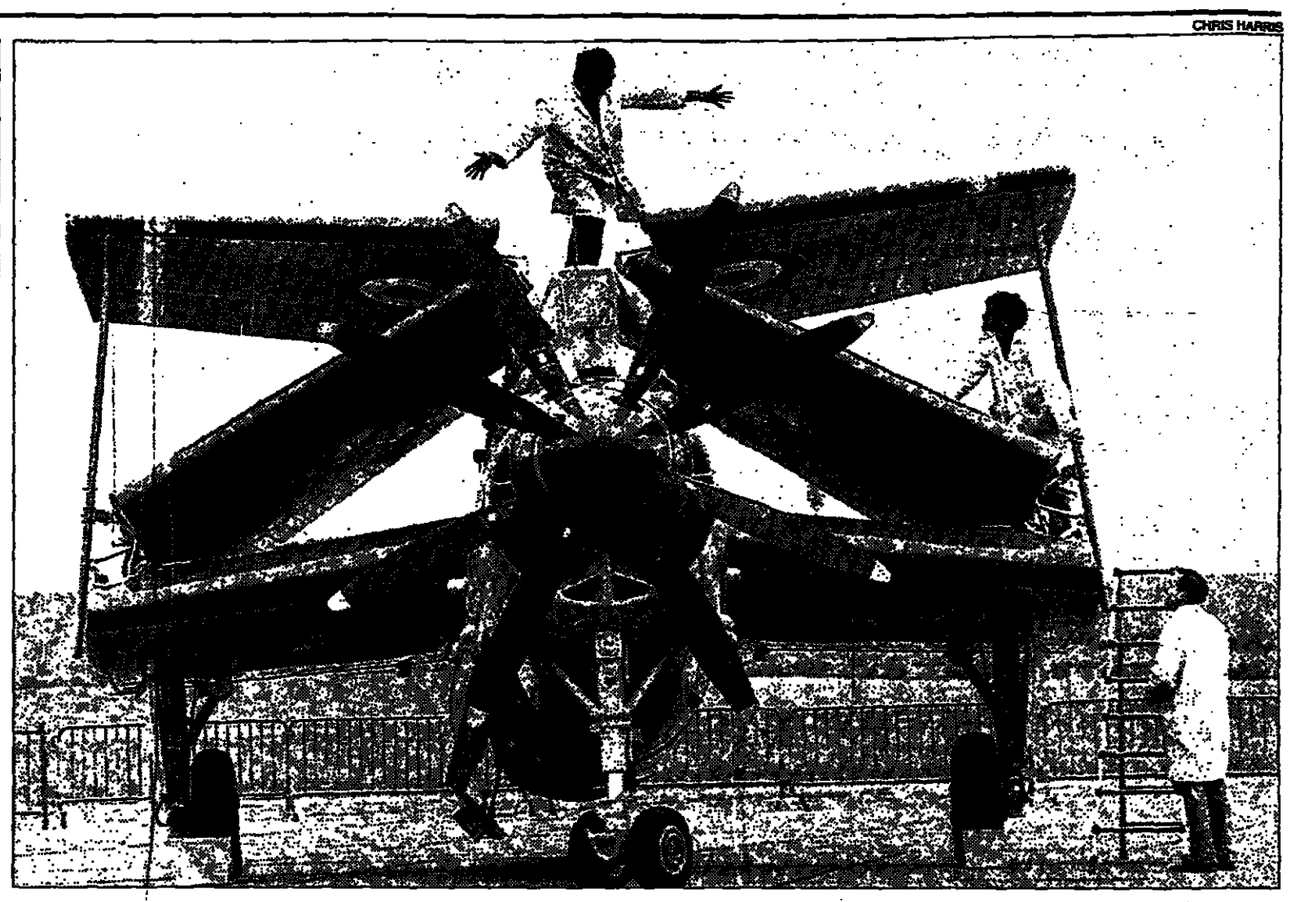
Although most information comes from informers, "clusters" often provide the first clues. Officers, perhaps hiding in the heather, will collect intelligence snippets. They would look for remote cottages being hired at a strange time, non-Scots mixing with the locals, or unexpected yachts of vehicles in the area.

Operation Klondyke, which netted the most valuable drugs haul in Britain, was typical. In July 1989 officers in Ullapool heard of the arrival of a yacht with a foreign national on board. They discovered it had arrived from Spain and that its arrival coincided with information about the imminent importation of drugs into the area.

As part of "tooth and claw", investigation officers spent weeks in Ullapool, posing as tourists, geologists, fish farmers and film crews.

There have been many important seizures in Scotland. Apart from this week's jailing, the investigations division in Glasgow has been instrumental in catching and imprisoning 80 people. The street value of the seizures in the most notable cases is £250 million.

CHRIS HARRIS



Back to life: a Fairey Gannet, which flew with the Fleet Air Arm until 1978, is checked after 15 months of restoration work at the Imperial War Museum, Duxford airfield, Cambridgeshire. With a restored Sea Hawk and a Firefly, it will be rolled out at Duxford tomorrow

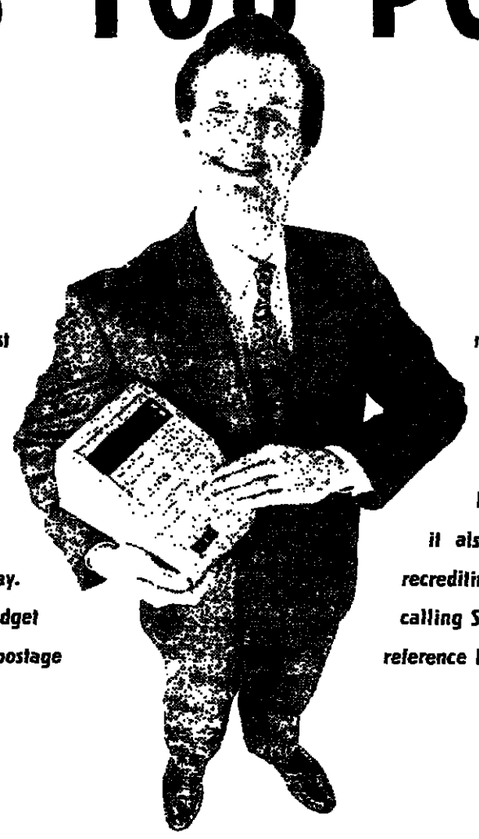
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ADDRESSING YOUR BUSINESS

Dr Carey disowns tambourine

By RUTH GLEDHILL
RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

THE Archbishop of Canterbury responds today to his media image in an interview in which he insists: "I have never played a tambourine in my life." Dr George Carey, who has been portrayed repeatedly on television and in newspapers as a tambourine-playing evangelical, says: "People who know me well have written and been furious with the media hype and felt it has been inaccurate."

The archbishop, who will preside at his first general synod meeting in York next month, says: "What they have tended to do with me is exaggerate certain things, like modern music for example. So I have become a tambourine player, even though I have never played a tambourine in my life.

"My emphasis on excellence has become 'management', and therefore cruel hardness, and my attitude towards the ordination of women and the statement about heresy appeared as if from someone who was going to ride roughshod over people, which simply isn't true. As time goes on I am trying to correct these impressions."

In the interview, published in *The House Magazine*, the parliamentary weekly journal edited by Patrick Cormack MP, Dr Carey says he remains sceptical about the claims made for disestablishment, believing that the severance of formal links between the Church of England and the state would be unhelpful.

"I have sympathy with those who argue that other faiths should be better represented in Parliament. But we are all represented by our MPs. Bishops are not in the House of Lords to represent the Church of England. They are there as a result of the church's place in our country's history and constitution."

Cathedral rows 'are not new'

CONTROVERSY over the cost and style of cathedrals is nothing new: medieval monks raised the same questions, Cardinal Basil Hume, the Archbishop of Westminster, said yesterday (Ruth Gledhill writes).

Cardinal Hume, who was dedicating the first English cathedral built on classical lines since St Paul's, said he had had enough experience of monastic chapter meetings to say that buildings planned by monks almost always gave rise to lively debates.

The cardinal, preaching at the £2.2 million Roman Catholic cathedral of St Mary and St Helen at Brentwood, Essex, designed by Quinlan Terry, said monks used to question the need for a new building and whether the money could have been spent on other deserving causes.



Hume: a cathedral must be proud of its beauty

"It must have been so in the chapter meeting in medieval England; it would be surprising if it had not been so here at Brentwood."

He spoke of his sadness at people who did not care for churches, which he described as "sermons in stone reminding the passer-by of other values, those of the spirit". The cardinal continued: "Moreover a church, and even more so a cathedral, must as it were be self-consciously proud of its own dignity and beauty, and attract attention."

Quiz time comes to selling houses

By CHRISTOPHER WARMAN, PROPERTY CORRESPONDENT

GUESS the number of golf balls in an old storage well in the dining room at Lordships, a five-bedroom house at Eastling, near Faversham, Kent, and the house, with its four acres of landscaped gardens, could be yours.

This is the latest of a number of properties to be raffled as owners seek novel ways to sell their homes in the dormant property market. One owner is offering a £150,000 house in Basingstoke for a £10 ticket and the first correct entry drawn naming the patron saints of Ireland, Scotland and England.

Oliver Allen believes his property and his competition are in a different league. The house, a barn he has converted over two years, is valued at £500,000. A £10 ticket buys five questions — including the name of the archbishop murdered in 1170 in Canterbury cathedral — and, in the event of a tie, competitors must estimate the number of golf balls in the well.

Mr Oliver aims to raise £600,000, to cover the value of the house, administration costs and a donation to charity, and believes that he needs between 25,000 and 30,000 people, many of whom will buy more than one ticket, to succeed. "Then, I will just about break even on the project," he said.

Not all house-owners who have tried such ways of selling a home have succeeded. Innovation ended in disaster for Peter and Pam Lewis, who ran a lottery for their £160,000 bungalow at Marston, Wiltshire. The anonymous winner, announced yesterday, had to be content with a £60,000 prize from draw proceeds because lawyers ruled that the 100 per cent mortgage on the bungalow prevented its being the prize. The bungalow will now have to be sold to repay the mortgage, leaving Mr and Mrs Lewis homeless.

● The four-bedroom country cottage of Enid Blyton is for sale at £350,000. The author of the *Famous Five* books lived at the 16th-century Old Thatch Cottage, at Well End, Buckinghamshire, from 1929 to 1938, and described it as "just like a fairy tale house".

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4 Out-of-court deal likely for pindown claimants

By JILL SHERMAN, SOCIAL SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

STAFFORDSHIRE county council is trying to secure an out-of-court settlement to compensate children who were victims of the pindown treatment in four of its homes, it emerged yesterday.

One option being considered is a lump-sum award, which would be divided between the claimants according to how long they were subjected to pindown, and on a medical assessment of psychological or psychiatric damage.

The insurance company handling the claims on behalf of the council said it had no intention of asking those young people to appear in court. "I am happy to settle this out of court," said Steve Walker, claims manager for Municipal Mutual Insurance.

Mr Walker said the company had not formally admitted liability for the actions of social workers in four Staffordshire homes. "However, in respect of some of these young people we will be making offers of settlement." It was possible that the county was liable in common law or within statute, if it had breached laws governing the control and discipline of children. "We will have to take a view based on each case brought by a solicitor."

Where regulations had been breached it would be over "wrongful detention", he said, a charge which was unlikely to command high damages, particularly where children had been put in pindown for only one day. Where children had been detained longer or where doctors considered there had been long-term psychological trauma, damages would be higher.

Mr Walker dismissed reports that total damages could be as high as £1 million and said it was unlikely that individual cases would even amount to tens of thousands of pounds. The company has received only three claims for damages so far, including one writ, although the steering group of solicitors representing pindown victims says it has a further 30 cases in the pipeline. Mr Walker said that where agreement could be reached with individual solicitors, compensation for some children could be settled within a week.

Meanwhile, Christine Walby, Staffordshire social services director, said she was working to a seven-day deadline to draw up a programme of reforms after the critical report on pindown from Allan Levy, QC. Miss Walby, who was appointed only last month, will prepare an outline plan for a draft code of practice and a management restructuring by next Friday.

Last night, meanwile, the government ordered an independent enquiry into allegations of attempted suicide and maltreatment of children in a children's home in Gwent.

Nicholas Bennett, parliamentary under secretary of state for Wales, has ordered Gwent county council to set up an independent inquiry into the running of Ty Mawr children's home in Abergavenny. He also announced a review of children's homes throughout Wales to mirror the review to be carried out in England by the autumn. The move comes after allegations that three children have attempted suicide and others have been locked in solitary confinement in cells.

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Enquiry to be held at care centre

By KERRY GILL

AN ENQUIRY has been ordered into the running of a care home in central Scotland after claims that children aged between 12 and 16 were made to strip to their underwear and were confined to rooms for up to 24 hours.

In one incident, a girl aged 15 had to strip to her underwear in front of two male staff before being put in her room with a guard at the door, according to allegations by a staff member at the Brodie youth care centre in Polmont.

He said knives, coshes, razors and soft drugs had been found in children's bedrooms and he was worried that a member of staff or one of the children would be injured. His claims come after the disclosure of the pindown regimes in children's homes in Staffordshire.

He also said that some of the children had returned from trips to Falkirk under the influence of drink or drugs and that there were frequent outbreaks of violence.

Ian Ross, Central regional council's social work director, said an immediate investigation would take place. "Obviously we are extremely concerned about these allegations," he said.



MICHAEL POWELL

Hot art: the sculptor David Mach sets fire to his entry in the Royal Academy's summer exhibition, a zebra head made of 40,000 red and black matches, which when lit, gave the piece black and grey stripes. The piece took Mr Mach three weeks to complete and will be for sale at £7,000

Flames are finishing touch for sculpture

By SIMON TAIT
ARTS CORRESPONDENT

DAVID Mach set fire to his life-size sculpture of a zebra's head, made from 40,000 matches, yesterday as the last stage of its creation. The burning took place in front of the Royal Academy, in Piccadilly, central London, during varnishing day for the summer exhibition, opening on June 9, in which the piece will be priced at £7,000.

Mr Mach said: "I used multi-coloured matches arranged to make the pattern of the zebra's stripes. When it was burnt, the stripes became black and white to finish the effect."

David Mach sculpture has often sparked controversy. In 1983, a submarine made of tyres was set alight by someone who destroyed both it and himself. A critic described Mr Mach's work as no better than a matchstick model, giving him the idea of sculpture with matchsticks. "I took it further by making performance art out of part of the process," Mr Mach said yesterday.

The head is to be the first in a series of animal heads made in this way and called "Noah's Boys".



Marjorie Wallace, of Sane, with Professor Blakemore (centre) and Prince Turki al Faisal

Oxford may get research centre

OXFORD university launched an initiative yesterday to operate the world's first international centre for schizophrenia research. The move came in the wake of the announcement by the Prince of Wales on Wednesday of a £6 million appeal for research into schizophrenia and associated mental illnesses.

King Fahd of Saudi Arabia has donated £1.7 million and Prince Turki al Faisal, of the King Faisal Foundation, led a Saudi delegation in discussions with senior university medical heads in Oxford yesterday. They included the professors of physiology, psychiatry and experimental psychology.

The visit was organised by Colin Blakemore, Wayneflete professor of physiology, who said: "Oxford is already one of the strongest centres in the world for brain research and this has been recognised with major rewards from the US and the Medical Research Council. A new schizophrenia research unit would fit in very well here with other recent developments."

The Saudi ruler has asked for the new centre, which will be based in Oxford, Cambridge or London, to be named after the Prince of Wales, who is patron of Sane, the schizophrenia charity.

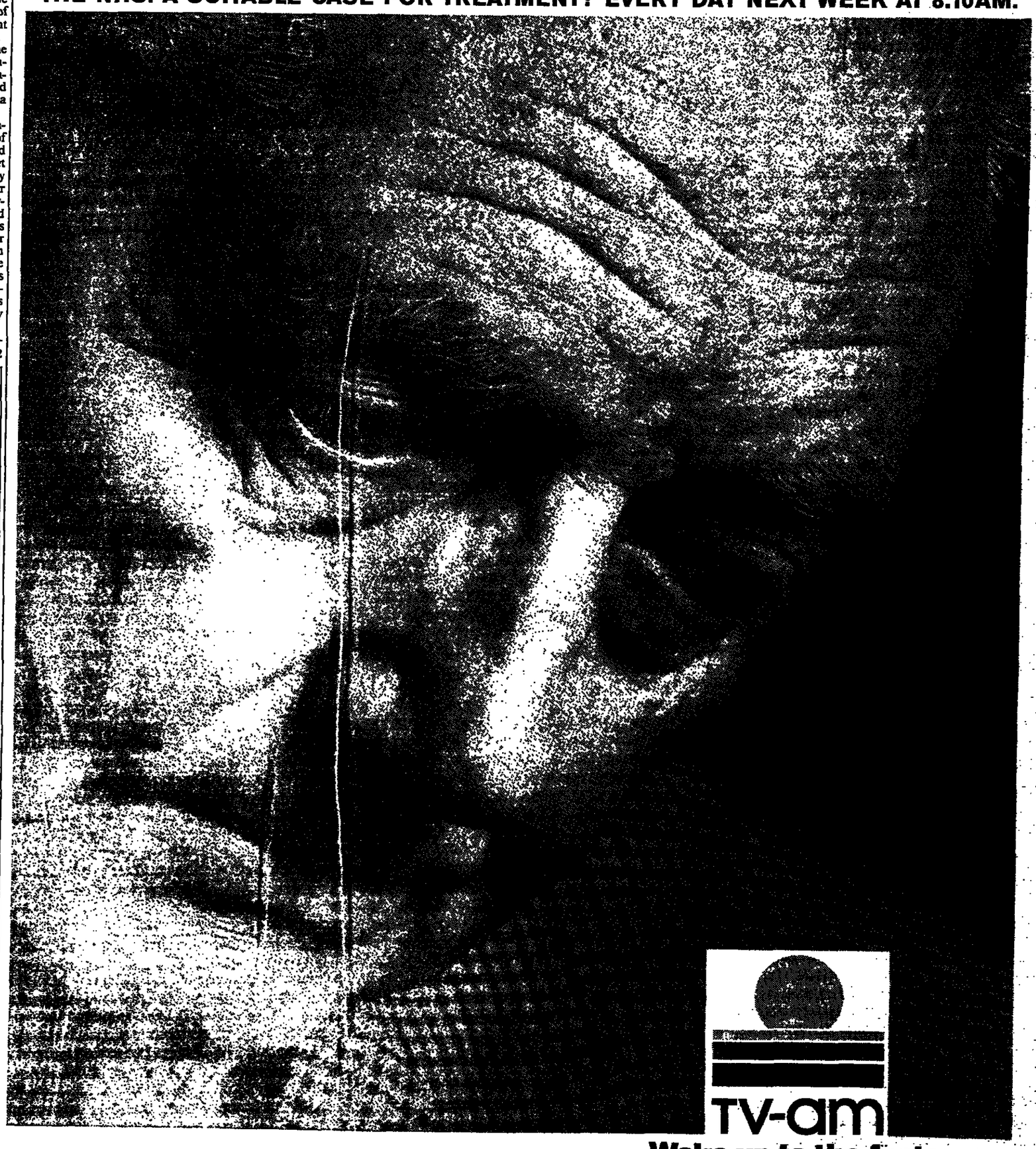
Professor Blakemore added: "There is no guarantee the unit will be based here but the Saudis have expressed a preference for Oxford. They are insisting their contribution should be matched by a similar amount from Sane and the university. What we have in mind is a research unit attached to the department of psychiatry."

Majorie Wallace, executive director of Sane (Schizophrenia — a National Emergency), said: "The Saudis are making a quarter of a million pounds available immediately to enable Sane to set about raising the rest of the funds."

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Army regimental system is saved from abolition

By MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE army's regimental system, which faced possible abolition under the government's "options for change" defence review, has been saved, according to defence ministry sources yesterday.

Although ministers have yet to give their approval, the Army Board has recommended no change. Ministers, aware of the potential political and regimental uproar that would ensue if the system were to be abolished, are expected to support the army's argument. The resource and policy sections of the ministry's central staff had been examining the possibility of ending the regimental system as a way of saving money.

Under existing arrangements, regiments posted from one tour to another move together, taking all their equipment with them. Alternatives which had been studied included switching to "trickle posting", under which regiments would remain permanently in the same station, while personnel were posted individually between regiments on two-year tours of duty.

Senior officers mounted a strong lobbying campaign against the abolition plan, insisting that the regimental system was crucial to the army's success. They pointed to the Gulf war as an example of where "family" regiments such as the Queen's Royal Irish Hussars and the Staffordshire Regiment played important roles.

Ministry sources said the system would stay but the structure would change. The army is to be cut by 40,000 to about 120,000, with the number of infantry battalions reduced from 55 to about 40 and armoured regiments reduced from 19 to 12. Having decided to reject the idea of trickle posting, which means soldiers will remain with their regiments throughout their careers and keep the same cap badge, the ministry now has to the task of amalgamating certain regiments to fit the smaller army.



Ramsbotham: regiments make the army unique

Details are not due to be announced for some time, although the ministry is expected to explain next week how the army will be restructured. This follows the announcement by Nato defence ministers in Brussels on Tuesday that Britain would provide two divisions, one based in the south of England, the other in Germany, for the new rapid reaction corps.

General Sir David Ramsbotham, adjutant general and a member of the Army Board that recommended keeping the regimental system, said: "The regimental system is one of the things we have held dear and I personally think it makes our army unique. Whatever happens under options for change, the regimental system will remain." But, in an interview with the army's *Soldier* magazine, published yesterday, Sir David added: "That is not to say that every current named regiment will remain for ever, any more than they have done so in the past."

He said a corps or a regiment was not something soldiers joined simply for their function but for all that went with it, "comradeship in peace and war and such things as the regimental associations that continue to care for them after they have returned to civilian life".

Recommendations to the Army Board on which named regiments there should be in the future would be based on discussions with the individual regiments, "so that they have an opportunity to contribute to that future. The ministers will make the announcement but only after the regiments have had their say," Sir David promised. His own regiment is the Royal Green Jackets.

In June last year Archie Hamilton, the armed forces minister, suggested in the Commons that some regiments might have to be disbanded.

MIKE WILKINSON



Brush with the past: Theo Skinner, a conservation officer at the National Museum of Antiquities, Edinburgh, examines a Viking's skull at least 800 years old found on the northern coast of Scotland (Kerry Gill writes). The man's bones and possessions, including part of his shield, beads, a comb and a bronze brooch, were discovered with the skull in a dune at Balnakiel Bay, Highland, last weekend by two visitors from Essex, who are expected to receive the value of the brooch as treasure trove. The solitary grave — archaeologists found no other remains on the beach — is thought to date from between 800 and 1100

Discovery of eel house gives clue to monks' diet

Eels, a delicacy for some, are spurned by the Scots. It was not always so, says Kerry Gill

A SMALL stone structure on a Scottish burn, believed to have been built 800 years ago, has provided a clue to the eating habits of Benedictine monks who settled in Fife and founded the Abbey of Lindores in the latter half of the 12th century.

Investigations by Ann Mitchell, a local author, have found that the construction is an eel house, which was used to trap the mature fish as they prepared to return to their spawning grounds in the Sargasso sea, having spent up to 15 years in local lochs.

Eels now live in abundance in Lindores loch and are caught and smoked before being sent abroad by mail order. Eels, long spurned by Scots, are a delicacy in northern Europe, particularly The Netherlands, and Mrs Mitchell said it was high time that people north of the border acquired a taste for them. "It is well known that many foreigners have come to Fife to scoop them out of the lochs. The trouble is that this means they take young as well as mature eels," she said yesterday.

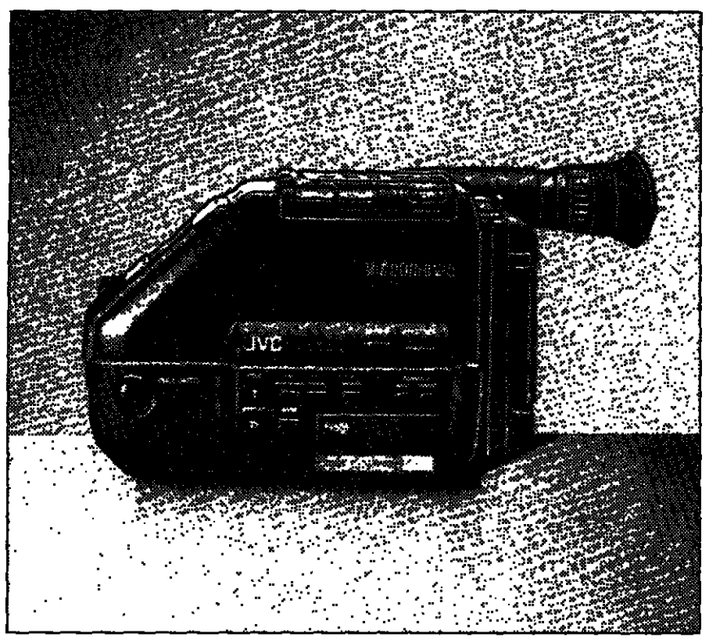
Using an eel house, like that found near the village of Newburgh, would mean that only mature fish were caught, allowing the young to grow to maturity in the lochs undisturbed. "The females have to build up enough fat for the journey back to the Sargasso. They wait until the autumn, usually when there is a flood to help them on their way, and tend to travel on a moonless night when there is the maximum amount of darkness," she said.

The popularity of eels outside Scotland has led to a dearth of healthy fish. Pollution in some European rivers has put people off traditional catches, and certain London merchants anxious to satisfy demand for jellied eels even fly them in from New Zealand. The Fife eels are pollution-free.

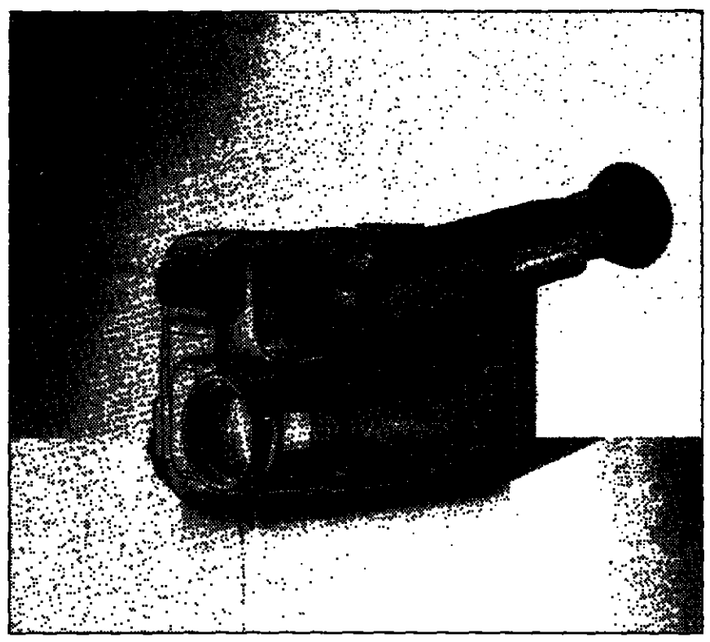
Mrs Mitchell believes that the monks, who broke away from the Benedictines to form the Tyronesian order, introduced the eating of eels to Fife. They came from Picardy, where eels were part of their diet. Native Scots apparently regarded them as inedible; an entry in Chambers Encyclopedia of 1876 says: "There is a prejudice in some countries, particularly Scotland, against eating eels, on account of their reptile-like appearance."

One Scot who did not share the aversion was John Sutherland, who studied their habits. The late Mr Sutherland noticed that they would often cross wet ground to make their way homewards. During darkness they would slither their way towards the river and, because of the gloom afforded by the eel house, would enter only to be caught in his nets.

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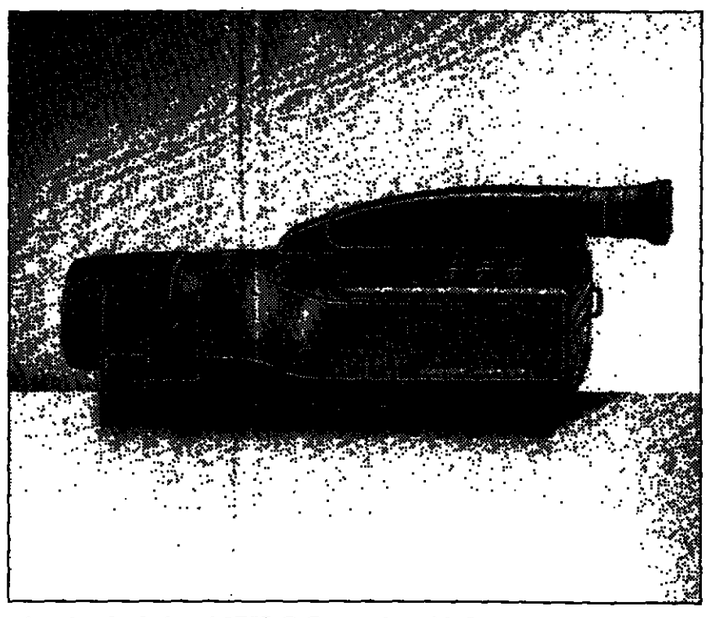
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Irish Girls' Brigade to go solo

THE predominantly Protestant all-Ireland Girls' Brigade is no more. Because of what officials in the Irish Republic call an "identity problem", it is to be divided into separate organisations North and South (Edward Gorman writes).

The decision, made at the request of members in the South, has been reached amicably and organisers emphasise that no political element is involved. Heather Perrin, one of two Girls' Brigade trustees in the republic, said: "There are absolutely no political connotations whatsoever."

Mrs Perrin said the Republic of Ireland division, with only 2,000 members, felt it was being swamped by the much stronger representation in Northern Ireland, which has more than 25,000 members. Under its new identity as the Girls' Brigade Ireland, the southern division would now enjoy equal representation on international boards with members in the North.

That would bring Ireland into line with Great Britain, where the brigade is divided into English, Scottish and Welsh organisations. The loss of the all-Ireland title is a reversion to the state of affairs before 1940, when the Girls' Brigade started in Ireland. As it spread through the North during the 1940s it became an all-Ireland organisation. Now the Northern Ireland division will be known as the Girls' Brigade Northern Ireland.

Mrs Perrin said North-South co-operation would continue at physical education competitions and in the run-up to the Girls' Brigade international centenary to be held in two years.

Van sought in missing boy alert

Police searching for Aidan Sherry, aged six, who was snatched from a shopping centre in Peterborough nearly two weeks ago, said yesterday that they want to trace a white Vauxhall van, registration number UNP 223V, in their search for the boy.

The boy was taken by his father, also called Aidan, while shopping with his mother a week last Saturday. Aidan and his father are believed to be still in England after jumping 20ft from a London hotel window as officers closed in. Detective Inspector Chris Stevenson said: "We believe they are staying in small hotels and boarding houses."

Attack by rats

Boat-owners have been left with substantial repair bills after rats crawled out of crevices in the harbour wall at Weymouth, where they normally live, and attacked craft moored for the winter.

Small print

Val Fry, aged 55, a blacksmith, from Cowes, Isle of Wight, is claiming a world record for the smallest picture after painting the liner Queen Elizabeth on a grain of rice.

Regular service

Councillors in Clifton, Nottinghamshire, have asked the Traffic Commission to regulate bus services. Since deregulation, one quiet road has 350 buses a day go past at the rate of one every two minutes.

High flyer

A deer that had strayed from parkland was recaptured yesterday after straying onto the roof of a multi-storey carpark in Oxford and jumping off.

Nato says Moscow can field army in 45 days

By MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

GENERAL John Galvin, the Nato supreme allied commander in Europe and architect of the plan to turn alliance forces in Germany into smaller, more mobile units, rejected strongly yesterday suggestions that the alliance would have up to two years to prepare if the Soviet Union decided to launch an attack.

After the Conventional Forces in Europe (CFE) treaty had been implemented, the Kremlin would still have the capability to put together 45 divisions with 13,000 tanks west of the Urals in about 45 days "from a standing start", he said. In drawing up the new Nato force structures, he wanted to ensure that there would still be a sizeable military presence in the alliance's central region, capable of mounting a full-scale campaign if necessary.

Under General Galvin's plan, which was approved by defence ministers in Brussels on Tuesday, the multinational, corps-sized units that will be in place by about 1994 will total more than 200,000 combat troops, a reduction of about half. The American general confirmed the cut of a half after some confusion at the Brussels meeting, when it was suggested that the overall decrease in Nato forces would be 22 per cent. In an interview yesterday, the general explained why the alliance still needed to keep large forces deployed: "I do not think the Soviets are planning to attack Western Europe. But those 45 divisions are a contingency force and possibly an intervention force. But to do what? The end of the Cold War does not necessarily mean peace.

"It is mistaken to dream about peace and think that somehow we can reduce to a caretaker force that just washes the windows and mows the grass. It was important to keep the corps structure, although the corps will be much smaller than they are today. Some of the Nato members will provide brigades (4,000 to 5,000 men), not divisions (15,000 plus) to the different corps," he said.

The general served warning that with so much instability on the periphery of alliance territory, a chain of events could develop suddenly into something more serious, putting European security at risk.

"I do not think we would get anything like two years' warning," he said. "You cannot depend on such optimistic statements. What could actually happen is a sequence of events that could lead to conflict ... in a relatively short period."

He agreed that the new "buffer zone" of democratised countries in Eastern Europe provided some comfort. "But we have not moved from the Cold War into some paradise of permanent peace," General



Galvin: confirmed 50 per cent cut in Nato forces

Galvin said. He added: "Peace will depend on our own resolution, our ability to keep a deterrent force, and maintain our edge on technology, and to communicate, communicate, communicate."

● **JERUSALEM:** The American defence secretary, Richard Cheney, who is visiting Israel, agreed yesterday that the Pentagon was sending military equipment to Israel as a precaution against a future war in the region.

CIA fear on nuclear security

From SUSAN ELLICOTT IN WASHINGTON

AMERICAN officials have started to express concern about the security of nuclear weapons in the Soviet Union as republics press to break away from control by the central government, according to the retiring head of the American intelligence service.

William Webster, the outgoing director of the Central Intelligence Agency, said that concern in Moscow about the security of the weapons "of course lowers the level of our confidence" that Soviet strategic missiles would not be launched in error amid unrest in the breakaway republics.

Reports first emerged last autumn about concerns in the Kremlin over the security of Soviet nuclear weapons in republics such as Azerbaijan and Armenia, but America expressed no worries about the risks of potential spreading unrest. General Mikhail Moiseyev, the chief of staff of the Soviet armed forces, said then that the central government had moved some weapons from the regions, although the defence ministry later issued a denial.



Striking a blow: an American member of Red Adair's oil firefighting firm hacking at the base of a gushing Kuwaiti oil well yesterday, minutes after his team extinguished a blaze started by retreating Iraqi troops three months ago. About 135 of 500 oil-well fires have now been put out

MOSCOW NOTEBOOK by Bruce Clark

Dashing for the dacha good life

The talk in Moscow may be about politics, but the thousands of ordinary families who in the next few weeks will pile into buses, trains and ancient cars and go to their dachas have other things on their minds.

It is not just the rumours about health hazards that have swept the city in the past few days: these speak of a radiation leak at the exhibition centre, an accident at a mini-nuclear power station outside the city, or a leak of chemicals causing coloured rain. It is also that Muscovites have not the slightest idea what sort of society they will return to when the summer is over; what their savings will be worth; what benefit, if any, they will derive from years of chasing the meagre material prizes available under the old Soviet system.

Many families will be spending eight or ten weeks in a wooden hut where – even though one breadwinner may be commuting to a city job – they will be virtually living outside the industrial economy. They will slash away at weeds that in Russia's hot, humid summers grow to amazing size; they will grow their own fruit and vegetables; pick berries and makes jams and juices. This year, more than ever, such activities are not a hobby practised by city dwellers indulging a back-to-nature fad – but a basic necessity for a people who must somehow get through the winter in a polluted and economically ravaged metropolis.

In the past six months, Soviet citizens have faced acute shortages of basic foods and other goods, followed by a big price rise that only partly eased the shortages and brought with it the seeds of hyperinflation. Next winter, they could face surging prices and shortages at the same time.

Official price indexes take little account of Moscow's astonishing new market in flats for hard currency, legally still a grey area. The main factors behind the creation of this market appear to be mass emigration – mostly of Jews to Israel – and the inflow of hard currency driving out roubles, often by way of joint ventures.

A few months ago, up to £1,750 would buy a nice two-roomed flat; now up to £7,000 is being quoted. All that is bad news for the homeless army officer returning from eastern Germany or Hungary. And it is cause for anxious reflection by those families heading for his dacha.

Split Tatar allegiances hit Yeltsin's election hopes

From MARY DEJEVSKY IN KAZAN

WHEN the Russian Federation goes to the polls on June 12 to elect its first president, three million or so voters will not find the names of Boris Yeltsin and his five challengers on the ballot paper. They will find instead the name of Mintimer Shaimiyev, the single candidate for the presidency of what used to be the Tatar Autonomous Soviet Socialist Republic and which now styles itself Tatarstan.

For more than a month, the ancient Tatar capital, Kazan, a 13-hour train journey east of Moscow, has been seething with controversy over the poll to the point where all sides say Caucasus-style battles could erupt at any moment. One spark, they say, and Moscow will have another Nagorno-Karabakh on its hands.



Special troops are seen on discreet patrol around the dilapidated city centre. Be careful, people caution, about walking the streets at night. Their warning is not an allusion to the numerous stray dogs, but to the weapons rumoured to have gone missing from barracks and the knives with which bands of young men are said to be arming themselves.

By day, the peace of the city's white-washed Kremlin and gold-domed cathedral makes it hard to believe that Kazan has tensions other than those caused by food rationing and high prices. But the past two weeks have seen the city's Freedom Square crammed with belligerent demonstrators, many wearing green headbands and brandishing green banners, invoking Islam against the Russians and harking back to the bitter day, more than four centuries ago, when the forces of Ivan the Terrible sacked Kazan

Today, the immediate political issue is whether Tatarstan – whose territory is part of the Russian Federation – should acknowledge the new president of Russia or only its own president. The deeper issue is whether Tatarstan should owe its prime allegiance to Mr Yeltsin's Russia or to President Gorbachev's Soviet Union. The region's population is evenly balanced between ethnic Russians and Tatars, with a slight Russian majority in the cities and a slight Tatar majority overall. The Russians tend to favour Mr Yeltsin and Russia, the Tatars want a fully fledged Soviet republic outside the Russian Federation – and both groups harbour the grudges of centuries.

One banner declared this week: "Citizen Shaimiyev and deputies of parliament, you are taking Tatarstan to the brink of civil war."



Hunting for change: Brigitte Bardot displaying an animal trap in Brussels yesterday in her campaign for the European Community to ban fur imports

Allies put Kurdish death toll at 13,000

London – About 13,000 Kurds of the 470,000 who took refuge in the mountains on the Iraqi-Turkish border to escape persecution by Baghdad's forces died before they could be brought down into allied safe havens, it emerged yesterday (Michael Evans writes).

The official figure for the dead was released by General John Galvin, the overall commander of the American forces operating in northern Iraq, as the last 5,000 refugees were being brought down from the mountains. "We did not save 13,000 but we did save the rest," he said.

Thousands of Kurds died before the American, British, French, Dutch and Spanish forces arrived to build the camps and persuade the refugees to leave the mountains. Their transfer was delayed initially because many were reluctant to move back into Iraq for fear of retribution.

Azerbaijan train 'attack' kills 12

Moscow – The Azerbaijan authorities accused "Armenian terrorists" of blowing up a Baku-bound passenger train on the Caspian Sea coast on Thursday, killing 12 people and injuring at least 20. Armenians, in turn, accused Azeris of destroying an airport radar station (Bruce Clark writes).

Many of the dead were reported to come from Dagestan, the ethnically mixed region where the blast happened. The incident will increase fears that the racial violence that has engulfed the Armenians, Azeris and Georgians in the southern Caucasus for the past two years might spread to the north of the region as well.

Joker jailed

Hong Kong – A Thai lawyer began a one-year jail sentence for joking about having "a bomb" in his luggage. Charnchai Hemvititum admitted giving false information to officials at Hong Kong airport. He had been waiting to board a Bangkok-bound flight, 40 hours after a Lauda jet crashed over Thailand. *(Reuter)*

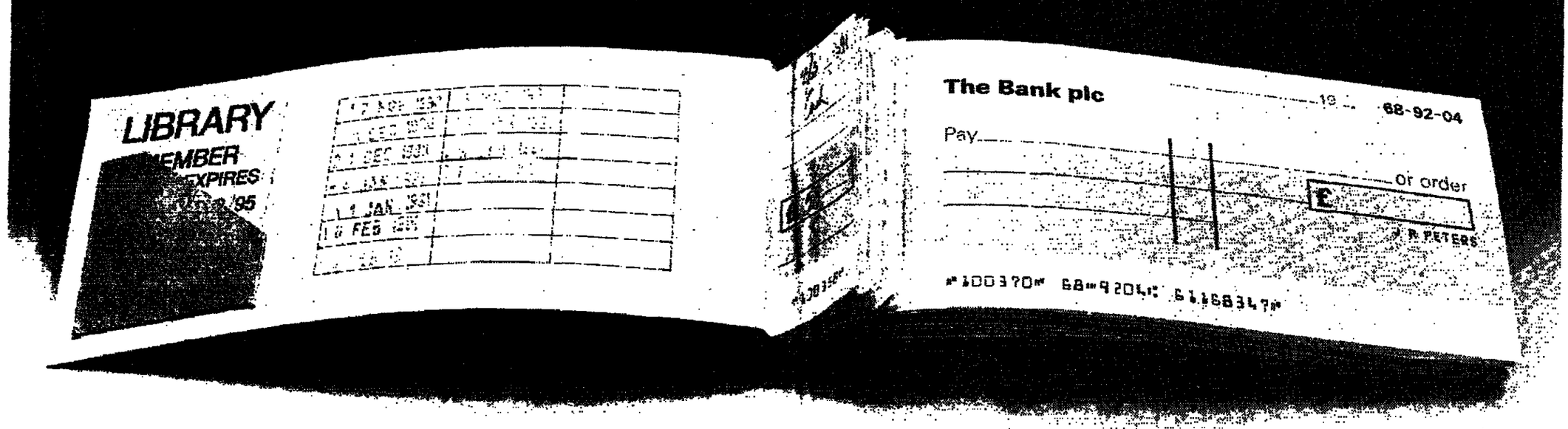
Pakistan blast

Islamabad – A Pakistani military arms depot blew up at Nowshera, one of the country's biggest army bases. There were no immediate casualty figures. An official compared the blast with the bombardment of Islamabad and Rawalpindi in 1988 when an arms depot exploded, killing scores of people. *(Reuter)*

Rape denial

Palm Beach, Florida – William Kennedy Smith, aged 30, the nephew of Senator Edward Kennedy, told a judge that he was innocent of rape and assault charges filed against him after an alleged weekend attack at the Kennedy family's Palm Beach estate. His trial is to start on August 5. *(Reuter)*

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Britain threatens to turn away all boat people from colony

By MICHAEL BINYON
DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

A SENIOR British negotiating team will warn the Bush administration on Monday that, unless it drops its opposition to the repatriation of Vietnamese boat people, Britain may start turning away automatically all refugees seeking asylum in Hong Kong.

The huge numbers of Vietnamese now pouring into Hong Kong have strained resources to the limit. The camps are full, the Hong Kong legislature has voted to cut off funds, and, unless there is a sharp drop in arrivals or an increase in the few leaving voluntarily, Britain may end screening and automatically reject every new arrival.

Until now, America has opposed any kind of involuntary repatriation. Hanoi, eager to curry favour with Washington in hopes of receiving aid, is refusing to accept any Vietnamese forcibly sent back. In two days of talks, the British team is to make the urgency of the issue plain to the Americans. About



150 Vietnamese are now coming in each day. Almost all are economic refugees, bribing middlemen and travelling overland through China and taking a boat only at the last stage.

Only 51 were forcibly repatriated in a single flight in 1989, and few have left voluntarily since. With a record number of 58,000 already packed into overcrowded camps, the Hong Kong government is looking urgently for somewhere to put the new arrivals. Hong Kong is the only nearby territory allowing the Vietnamese to land. Pressure is growing to end this escape route and push any incoming Vietnamese boat back out to sea.

Britain is hoping that the recent visit to Hong Kong by Robert Kimmitt, the American undersecretary of state for political affairs, will convince Washington that it must support the comprehensive agreement on Vietnamese refugees, agreed in Geneva in 1989 by 21 of the 23 countries with an interest in the issue. That allowed for the repatriation, involuntary if necessary, of all those not deemed genuine refugees. Only America and Vietnam opposed it.

Britain recognises that American opposition is largely because of the continuing sensitivity of anything relating to Vietnam. Many of the refugees allowed to leave the camps go on to America, via a transit camp in the Philippines and paid for by Britain. But naive Western charity workers are encouraging those in the holding camps to hang on, saying that they will be allowed to resettle. Britain has asked China to block the overland route.



Head to head: Bob Hawke, left, talking at the Australian premiers' conference in Canberra yesterday as Paul Keating, his leadership rival, looks on

Hawke fights for political life

Sydney — The outcome of Australia's bitterly contested leadership battle between Bob Hawke, the prime minister, and his deputy, Paul Keating, will be decided on Monday at a Labor party meeting in Canberra (Robert Cockburn writes). A snap meeting of the party caucus, called by Mr Hawke immediately after Mr Keating's challenge, was adjourned when the prime minister insisted that MPs should display their loyalties openly with a show of hands. Mr Keating's office described Mr Hawke's tactics as a crude and intimidating way to reveal the deputy prime minister's supporters. The offer of a later meeting to decide Mr Hawke's future by a secret ballot was rejected when MPs had left and Mr Hawke, who was reported to have carried the numbers among Labour MPs to overcome the challenge of Mr Keating, the treasurer (finance minister), is said to have bungled his chance of an early victory by refusing the secret ballot.

Bonn left gets in step with radical chic

The yuppie tendency is in well-groomed control of the SPD and looking eager to run Germany, **Ian Murray** reports from Bremen

THE Tuscans are coming. With a new, much younger commander, a fresh headquarters staff and with a licence to wear the blue beret of a UN force, the opposition Social Democrats (SPD) in Germany are marching peacefully on Bonn — or maybe Berlin. Their rediscovered objective in the next election is to take control of whichever city is the seat of government and to restore the party to power after 12 years in opposition.

After three consecutive defeats, the party had begun to wonder whether it was ever going to be "government-capable". The chaotic but enthusiastic conference in Bremen this week marked the start of a campaign to prove the SPD can take over.

Delegates hoped they began that campaign effectively yesterday by agreeing to support a change in the German constitution to allow the Bundeswehr to participate in UN missions anywhere in the world, provided that the troops are used exclusively for humanitarian or ecological protection. In no circumstances will the SPD give its essential agreement to a constitutional change that would allow German troops to go beyond the Nato area to fight, nor will it agree to any extension of the tasks of the alliance or the Western European Union which might drag the Bundeswehr into battle.

Winning conference approval for such a constitutional change represents a first and important policy victory for the compromising ways of the new party leader, Björn Engholm, the suave, 51-year-old prime minister of Schleswig-Holstein. He is the oldest member of what has become known as "the Tuscany faction" of well-dressed, sophisticated socialists, who look as though they had stepped out from the pages of a yuppie fashion magazine and who now, almost en bloc, have taken over management of the party.

The UN blue-beret question provided a baptism of fire. Dislike of all things military runs deep in party traditions and to many delegates even the idea of sending troops abroad to help save lives was an anathema. In a debate which had to be extended to enable all those who wanted to speak to do so, it was clear that the party was close to a damaging split.

Herr Engholm, forcefully backed by Oskar Lafontaine, the party's defeated candidate for chancellor in last December's general election, successfully argued for compromise. The new leadership reasoned that the party would be branded damagingly by the government as isolationist if it refused to accept that the Bundeswehr could serve peace everywhere in the world. The best strategy was for German troops to be allowed to wear the blue beret while the German government worked to increase the ability of the UN to prevent war.

Herr Engholm also won compromise yesterday on the equally divisive question of whether Bonn or Berlin should be the new capital. After three hours of debate, the conference voted in favour of Bonn by 203 to 202 with three abstentions. "A victory for the winner is no victory," Herr Engholm said and delegates agreed with him that it should be decided by a national referendum.

Cresson assumes mantle of ogress

From JOANNA PITMAN IN TOKYO

THE Japanese seem to be turning into a nation of professional victims. For years they have suffered what they claim to be outrageous demands from the American trade representative, Carla Hills, to open their domestic markets and alter the basis of their industrial economy.

Now Mrs Hills, known as the "Crowbar Lady", will be relieved to hear that she has lost her ignominious title as number one Japan-basher. The new woman the Japanese most love to pooh-pooh is Edith Cresson, the French prime minister, whose tongue-lashings have been alarming many a businessman here. With the news of her appointment a fortnight ago, indignant cries of Japan-bashing leapt several octaves.

They have now reached the level of diplomatic protests. On Wednesday night, Nagao Hyogo, the director-general in charge of European affairs at the foreign ministry, summoned Loic Hennekinne, the French ambassador, to complain about a television interview in which Mme Cresson said that "it is the world that Japan seeks to conquer". Mr Hyogo said: "We cannot help but be shocked by the remarks ... and believe they are inappropriate for the development of friendly Japanese-French relations." The foreign ministry has played down the incident.

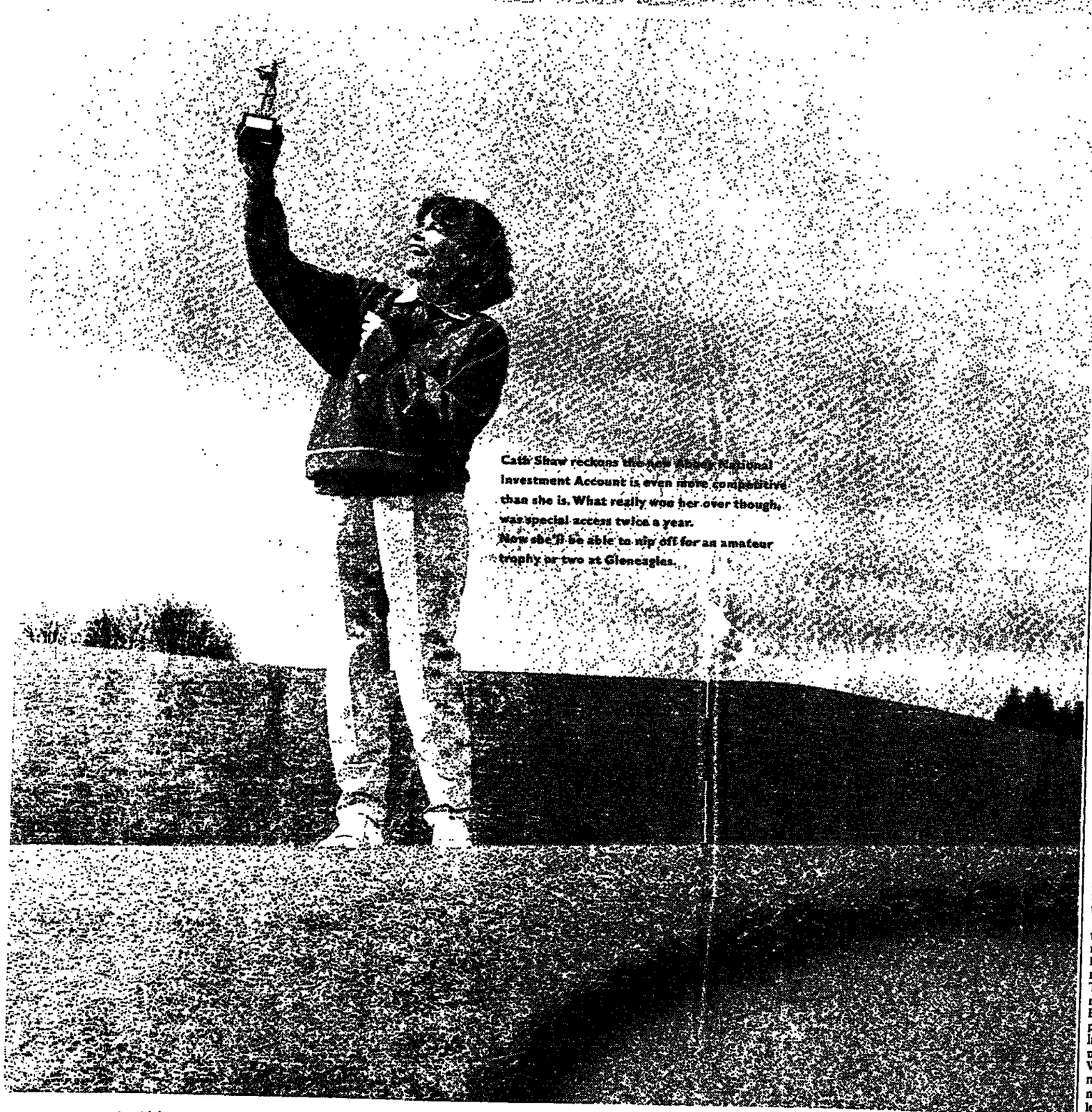


Hills: cast by Japanese as the "Crowbar Lady"

There has been sniping in the Tokyo press at Mme Cresson's threats to keep Japanese cars out of the European Community and her claims that Japan's domestic markets are "hermetically sealed". Despite her name, which in Japanese means "watercress", editors have told their readers that Mme Cresson is no vegetarian, but a carnivore after Japan's lifeblood.

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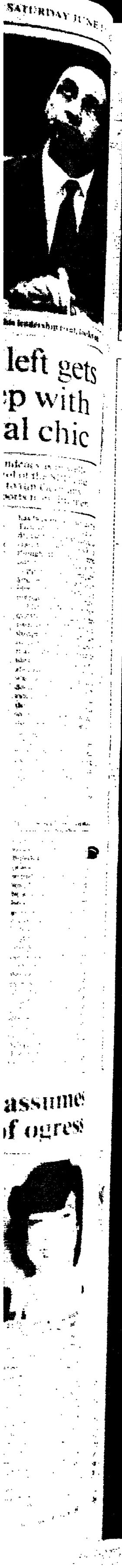
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Militant youth send Africa lurching towards democracy

As national leaders gather for the Organisation of African Unity summit in Ajuba, Nigeria, with Ethiopia high on their agenda, **Susan MacDonald** looks at the continent's prospects for democracy



Taylor: has devastated Liberia in civil war



Moi: remains resistant to change despite riots

ONE-PARTY systems and military regimes across Africa are under siege and some are about to topple, but there is little reason for rejoicing, as is evident from events in Ethiopia, Somalia and Liberia. In the past 30 years since the majority of African countries gained independence, they have had more than enough experience of overthrowing one dictator in favour of another, but practically none in creating multiparty systems based on the people's will.

Their attempts are hampered by that lack of experience and their failure to create a viable economic system. Rulers have preferred to secure their own positions rather than work together to build a continent which can stand on its own despite the creation of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) in 1963 to promote unity and solidarity among African states.

As African leaders gather in Ajuba, Nigeria, for the OAU summit on Monday with Ethiopia high on the agenda, the basic infrastructure for regional co-operation is still missing after 30 years. It is generally easier to telephone Paris or London from an African capital than it is to telephone within that country, or to a neighbouring one. To travel by air from one African country to another, it is often faster to fly to a European capital to pick up the connection. Good road and rail links are few for trade and people.

It is the disillusioned young, with no memory of colonial times, who are now the driving force behind the rioting for change. A generalised population explosion means that in many nations about 60 per cent of the population is aged under 25 and many live without jobs or hope.

One of the new influences with which Africa has to deal is Islamic fundamentalism. The extreme Muslim sects in North Africa and south of the Sahara are harnessing this disillusionment and giving many young people a sense of identity.

The elections in Algeria this month, after 30 years of one-party rule, will be a key test of how North African democracy will fare. Algeria's neighbours and many sub-Saharan countries will watch to see the results of this new multiparty voting experience, born out of the serious rioting in 1988 in which more than 1,000 people were killed.

The Islamic Salvation Front in Algeria, the only officially recognised Muslim party in North Africa, scored a sweeping victory in local elections a year ago and a national victory would rock the boat in Tunisia, Morocco, further afield in Africa, in the Arab countries and in Europe.

Ethiopia, Somalia and Liberia are the bloodiest examples of the drawn-out toppling of a dictator, in which civilians have been the principle victims. Charles Taylor, the Liberian rebel leader, has devastated his country and "captured" frontier villages in neighbouring Sierra Leone.

A relaxing of East-West competition in Africa and a changing South Africa has meant that the seemingly eternal civil wars in Angola and Mozambique are winding down, but hopes of a fairer political system is again linked to the economic restoration of the two devastated countries.

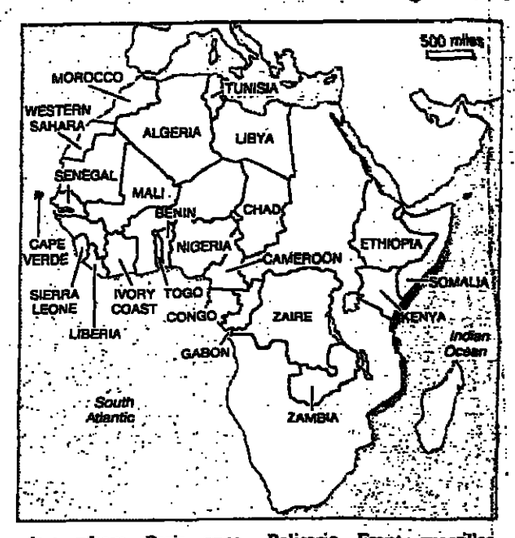
Only two countries, Cape Verde and Benin, have held multiparty elections which toppled autocratic leaders. Nigeria will try a managed return to civilian rule next year by voting for two parties expressly set up for the purpose by the present military regime. Leaders in countries like Cameroon, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Zaire, Zambia, Gabon, Togo and Congo have all suffered anti-government riots.

This has not, however, prevented them from either resisting change, like President Moi of Kenya, or of introducing reforms at the slowest pace possible in order to hold on to power: only pushed into the next step by further rioting and disorder. President Bongo of Gabon and President Houphouët-Boigny of the Ivory Coast held multiparty elections last year with newly recognised opposition parties which were no match for the experienced ruling parties. They are still in power and the unrest continues.

President Biya of Cameroon, after further unrest, has announced that elections will be held before the end of the year. But Cameroon is top of the list of countries where both the ruling party and the opposition parties, recognised in December, are fearful that unrest is uncontrollable and could erupt on a national scale and along tribal lines.

Jacques Delors, on his first trip to Africa since becoming president of the European Commission, said in Senegal that European Community aid for Africa must accompany democratic and economic reforms for economic liftoff. But Africa is crushed beneath the burden of debt repayments and chronic corruption. President Mitterrand acknowledged that West Africa was no longer economically viable for France in refusing last year to continue to support the rulers whom Paris once considered essential to stability and economic ties. In former French colonies, President Traoré of Mali has gone, so has President Habré of Chad, although both in military coups.

As the democracy movement lurches forward with all its implications for further violence, the Western Sahara remains a bone of contention. A small army of Polisario Front guerrillas has fought for independence for the former Spanish colony, which has been administered by Morocco for 16 years. Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the UN secretary-general, has vowed to resolve the issue before the end of his mandate and a referendum for the people of the Western Sahara to determine their future has been scheduled for next year.



Mengistu's henchmen wait to learn their fate

From TIM DEAGLE IN ADDIS ABABA

INSIDE the canteen, an assortment of generals, ministers, colonels, permanent secretaries and the occasional brigadier sat at the scattered tables in groups of four or five, sipping sweet black coffee out of china cups and smoking English cigarettes. Middle-aged men with greying temples, receeding hairlines, well-cut suits, gold teeth and straight backs, they sat patiently waiting for orders.

Outside, a collection of men, boy and girl soldiers of the Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Democratic Front shouted, laughed, slept and ate, filling the open corridor with noise and weapons.

The new Ethiopian front government has declared that all officers of the defeated Ethiopian army and senior civil servants of the old administration must report within two days to designated centres all over the capital to be registered and told what the future holds for them under the new regime.

For the past two days, an array of distinguished men, who would not look out of place at a diplomatic dinner party, have been arriving at the defence ministry and the national theatre to be greeted by a rag-tag bunch of soldiers they would have described as rebels or the enemy less than a week ago and who are now effectively the nation's army and governing authority.

The Ethiopian front government has said little about what is to happen to these former leaders who for so long did so much to oppose them, and nobody is even sure where they will be tomorrow, least of all the generals and ministers themselves.

"I cannot say what will happen to us, we really do not know," a former general said, looking slightly uncomfortable in his expensive civilian clothes as he sat in the crowded defence ministry canteen. "But we also do not know what will happen to those who do not report here. Perhaps that is why we are here?" Fingering the clasp on his smart suitcase by his feet with one hand, he stroked his neatly trimmed moustache with the other. "You know I have been through two revolutions already," he said. "You learn to be cautious: that is what we are all doing here, being cautious."

The conscripts and North Korean soldiers who used to serve under the generals and colonels now sipping coffee at the defence ministry have not been so lucky. At what was once the capital's racecourse, in the northern suburbs, up to 10,000 disarmed and bedraggled soldiers and NCOs sit in the sporadic rain on the uneven ground, guarded by troops of the new government who are indifferent and sometimes hostile to their charges.

One guard cocked his rifle and pointed it at a group of conscripts no more than 18 years old, shouting at them to get back after they had tried to talk to what were clearly seen as unwelcome visitors.

Enclosed by a 10ft wall topped with rusted barbed wire, this unsuitable open-air prison camp has few or no facilities. The only latrine is the concrete floor of a derelict hut. The smell poisons the air for 40 yards around.

One prisoner sidled up to the small group of visitors and passed a note. It read: "We are not registered as PoWs; we have no shelter, food or clothes. The Red Cross does not even ask about us. So please do what is expected, help us."



Saved by the SAS: members of the Ethiopian imperial family, who were taken to safety at the British embassy by Britain's Special Air Service (SAS), back at their villa in Addis Ababa yesterday. A long-standing contingency plan agreed by the British government and relatives of Haile Selassie, the former emperor, was put into operation hours before rebel forces arrived in the capital (Michael Evans writes). A small SAS team, which is understood to have flown in at the request of James Glaze, the British ambassador, went to the homes of 12 members of the imperial family to escort them to the embassy, where they were protected from Monday. The Ministry of Defence provides military police protection squads for British embassies in the world's trouble-spots. A squad of eight armed men has been in Addis Ababa for some time. The SAS was probably sent in as an extra precaution because of the promise to the Ethiopian imperial family.

Italians give refuge to former military leader

By OUR FOREIGN STAFF

ITALY refused yesterday to hand over to the country's new leaders a former president of Ethiopia who is sheltering in the Italian embassy in Addis Ababa. Lieutenant-General Tesfaye Gibre Kidan, who was acting president when the Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Democratic Front seized Addis Ababa this week, has sought and been given refuge in the Italian embassy.

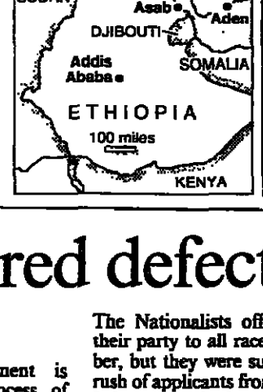
An Italian foreign ministry spokesman said in Rome yesterday that a decision had been taken to allow other former senior members of the Mengistu regime and North Korean diplomats to stay in the embassy for humanitarian reasons. The ambassador, Sergio Angelotti, said the Ethiopian front had demanded that General Gibre Kidan be handed over to them by 6pm local time (3pm GMT). But he refused. The front said it will now make a formal request to Italy to extradite General Gibre Kidan. Italy is the former colonial power in Ethiopia.

Relief workers said yesterday that Sudanese refugees, afraid of being attacked by fighters of the anti-Mengistu Oromo Liberation Front, were fleeing back into Sudan and had twice been bombed by the Sudanese air force. Large numbers of refugees from camps near Gambela were said to be making their way to towns controlled by the Sudan People's Liberation Army, which is at war with the Khartoum government.

The aid workers and diplomats said that the front had clashed with Sudan People's Liberation Army fighters near Gambela this week and might even have attacked the refugees. The Sudan Relief and Rehabilitation Association, the relief wing of the liberation army said that the largest refugee camp near Gambela, had been evacuated.

"All the refugees who were in this camp and numbering about 300,000, are already in and around the areas of Nasir, Jokou and Akobo," the Sudan relief organisation said.

The United Nations and other Western relief agencies were anxious to mount an emergency air drop of food to the thousands ofrefugees who had fled into a vast swamp with virtually no food or shelter.



Students rally in Ivory Coast

From REUTER IN ABIDJAN

ABOUT 10,000 protesters marched through central Abidjan yesterday demanding the resignation of Felix Houphouet-Boigny as president of the Ivory Coast.

The march, organised by the Ivorian Popular Front, the main opposition party, and a militant student organisation, the Federation of Ivory Coast Students, was the biggest in more than a year in the Ivorian capital. It followed an outburst of violence earlier in May when several students were severely hurt in a clash with riot police.

Armed paramilitary and riot police stood by but did not attempt to stop thousands of people wearing colourful African cloth and waving leafy branches as a sign of peace. They clapped and chanted "Houphouet resign" and "Houphouet murderer" as they strode towards the city's modern Roman Catholic cathedral. Students held banners saying "Our blood has been spilled", a reference to student claims that four people were killed in the clash at a dormitory in the populous Yopougon district on May 18. The government has denied that anyone died.

Mr Houphouet-Boigny, aged 85, has ruled the former French colony since it became independent in August 1960. The march was led by his main rival, Laurent Gbagbo, a history lecturer defeated in the country's first free presidential elections last year. Mr Gbagbo later won a seat in the national assembly.

The marchers also called for the resignation of the internal security minister, Emile Bombet and the defence minister, Leon Konan Koffi. Both are seen by critics of the government as hardliners who would have authorised the use of force against students. Demonstrations by FPI supporters and other government opponents last year forced President Houphouet-Boigny to yield to demands to end single-party rule in this West African country, the world's largest producer of cocoa.

Indians study 'Tamil' bombs

Delhi – A team from India's Central Bureau of Investigations has arrived in Sri Lanka to investigate suspicions that Tamil extremists assassinated Rajiv Gandhi, the former prime minister, 11 days ago. The Colombo government has offered full co-operation (Christopher Thomas writes).

The team, headed by Vijay Karan, the bureau's director, will be comparing the device used against Gandhi with one used to kill Ranjan Wijeratne, the Sri Lankan defence minister, last March. Both were high-potency bombs and were possibly made from American-manufactured RDX explosives. Wijeratne's killers were presumed to be the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, who have denied that they assassinated Gandhi.

New jail terms

Bangkok – Burma's military rulers reportedly increased by ten years the jail sentences of two opposition politicians, Kyi Maung and Chit Khiang. They were imprisoned last year for ten and seven years respectively after leading their party, the National League for Democracy, to victory in the election. *(Reuter)*

Picasso theft

New York – Police are investigating the theft of a Picasso painting that was swapped with a copy at least five years ago. A dealer brought the "Head of a Woman with Golden Earrings" to Sotheby's Manhattan office for appraisal. The swap was reported by the owner, who has since died.

Broom service

Peking – Chinese Communist party organisations in Jiangsu province were surprised to discover that a woman practising witchcraft was a model party member. Huang Yaying, who had almost killed a villager after trying to exorcise demons, has been tried on charges of witchcraft, a weekly newspaper said. *(Reuter)*

Brewery attack

Athens – The November 17 terrorist group said that it had fired an anti-tank missile which set the Lowenbrau brewery on fire in Atalanti, 112 miles north of Athens, causing severe damage. The missile was one of 60 stolen from an ammunition depot two years ago. *(AP)*

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Coloured defector MPs delight de Klerk

From GAVIN BELL IN JOHANNESBURG

SOUTH Africa's parliament is undergoing a curious process of implosion as the foundations of apartheid crumble. In the past week, dozens of Coloured members have thrown the tricameral body into turmoil by defecting to the ruling National party, on the verge of becoming the majority party in the Coloured House of Representatives.

The result was the presence of brown faces at a National party caucus meeting on Thursday for the first time in the party's 76-year history. The longer-term implication is that President de Klerk's reformist government is well on the way to attracting multiracial electoral support in a post-apartheid era.

The Nationalists officially opened their party to all races last September, but they were surprised by the rush of applicants from the majority Labour party in the coloured House.

Several factors precipitated the defection of 35 Labour members, including anxiety about their political future, the prospect of lucrative posts in a new administration, and disaffection with the autocratic style of the Labour leader, the Rev Allan Hendrickse. Whatever the individual motives, the Nationalists are delighted. Piet Swanepoel, their parliamentary chairman, said: "Discrimination has been removed in our caucus, where colour no longer plays a role. The foundation is being laid for the new South Africa."

With control of the Coloured House assured, the Nationalists are turning their attention to forging an alliance with the majority Solidarity party in the Indian House of Delegates. The shifts in allegiance are of little consequence in themselves, since the tricameral parliament from which blacks are excluded has been little more than a rubber stamp for National party policies since its inception in 1984. Coloureds and Indians generally ignored elections, and mocked the winners of pitifully small percentage polls in their communities as quislings.

In the new political landscape, the defections signal an important change in public attitudes as the Nationalists prepare for electoral battles with the African National Congress (ANC) under a new constitution. Many of South Africa's three million Coloureds, particularly those outside the highly politicised urban areas of the Western Cape, are essentially conservative. As a minority, they share white fears of black majority rule, and many may vote for the National party provided it fully excises its racist past.

An opinion poll published by the Afrikaans newspaper *Rapport* late last year estimated Coloured support for the Nationalists at 25 per cent, only four points below that for the ANC. Another poll suggested that the Nationalists would gain majority support among Coloureds if it drew the Liberal Democratic party into an electoral pact. But attracting support in the black community is a more difficult task.

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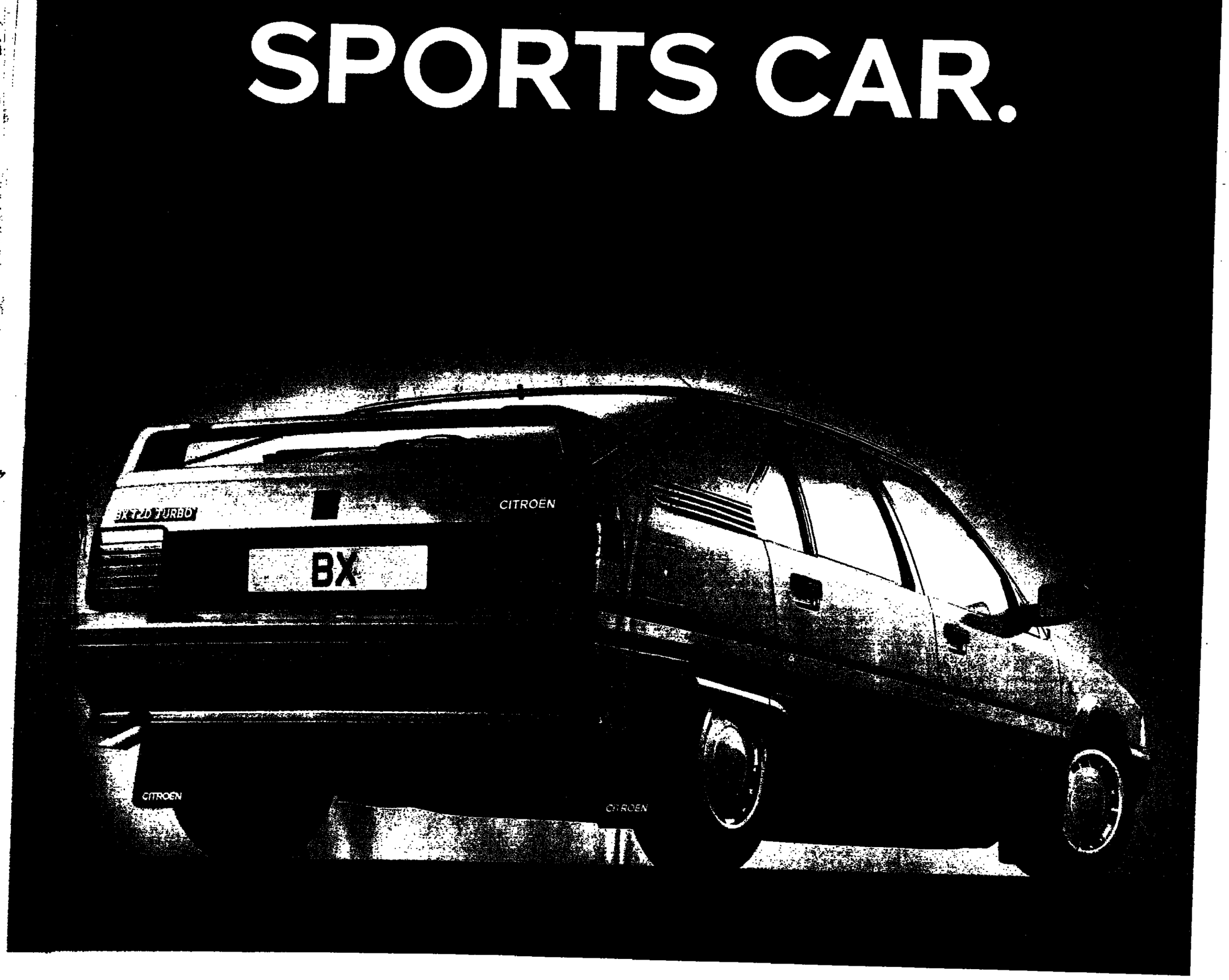
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The state can't buy you love

Clifford Longley

Commenting on the report on the Staffordshire pindown scandal, Labour's spokeswoman on children, Joan Lestor, said: "We are now in a situation where some children's homes are going to be privatised. That is another area of concern. Once we take the lid off we will find all sorts of unpleasant things happening."

In fact many welfare services for children are, and always have been run by voluntary organisations, often with church backing. They observe the highest professional standards, and usually live partly off government grants, partly off charitable donations. Often they have dedicated staffs who see their duty not *just as the management of children*, but giving them the love that many have been denied in their own homes.

Love is the one ingredient crucial to welfare for which the state has not been able to legislate. It is this gap, rather than the resistance to state welfare on free-market grounds, that is the most telling criticism of the present system. There are exceptions, and nurses in hospitals are among the finest examples. But the duty to love cannot, of its nature, be included in contracts of employment. Loving becomes at most a bonus.

The welfare state was conceived as the cornerstone of a new post-war society which would replace hand-to-mouth charity with universal provision.

No longer would care depend on a passing Good Samaritan. By eliminating reliance on the "do-gooder" (one of the most pernicious phrases in the English language), the hated Lady Bountiful of *popular mythology, the personal attitude* of the provider of welfare was made irrelevant. But while removal of the need for charity in money terms was a perceived gain, the welfare state also removed the warm, selfless dedication to the good of others. Charity, as St Paul used the word, means action for the benefit of mankind from the highest altruistic motives.

To ask whether voluntary agencies might do better to resume their mainstream activities, as a direct alternative to the state, has become heretical. The idea is seen as a way of lowering taxes, and therefore as benefiting the ultimate providers of the welfare state, taxpayers, rather than those who need its services. But that is to confuse the privatisation of the provision of services with the privatisation of financial support, a return to voluntary giving.

Even if the welfare state cannot be dismantled, it must evolve. But the churches have been scared of subjecting it to moral criticism for fear of playing into the hands of its enemy, the free-market right wing. They have absented themselves from the debate.

By withdrawing from the provision of welfare services for the mass of the population, the churches have separated their two main commandments, the love of God and the love of man, and handed over the latter to the state. Religion then becomes a matter of "the spirit" removed from ordinary life, and loses its impetus as a call for action. This is undoubtedly one of the main forces behind the secularisation of British culture. Religion no longer looks so necessary.

And paradoxically, this spiritualisation of religion leads to the politicisation of the churches. Once they no longer provide welfare services directly themselves, they have no alternative but to attack the government if those services appear to be running down. It is time the churches accepted the challenge to cultivate again the dedicated vocations needed to bring love – the true meaning of charity – back into the provision of welfare services.

After one of the driest Mays on record, **Nigel Hawkes**, science editor, explains why the hosepipe ban will stay

The wrong kind of rain

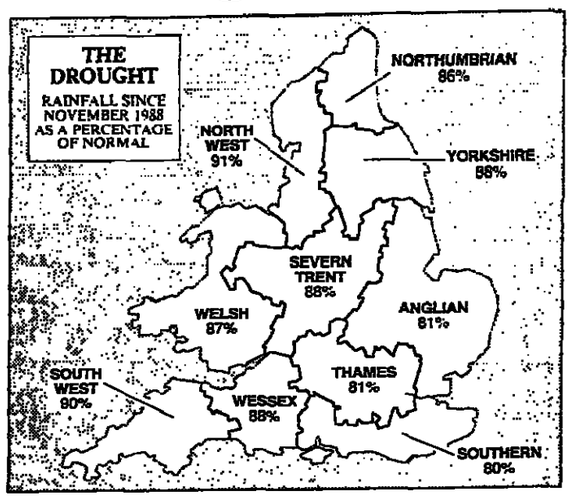
The month of May that has just slipped unlamented away has been one of the chilliest and driest on record. Only May 1844 and 1896 were drier since records began in 1727. As no useful amounts of rain fell yesterday, the total for the month, averaged over England and Wales, seems very likely to be 13mm. The May of 1844 managed only 8mm, while May 1896 produced 10mm.

Weather statistics are as fascinating in their way as old issues of *Wisden*. Hubert Lamb of the University of East Anglia studied records of the past 50 years and identified the period between mid-May and mid-June as that when north-west Europe has its driest weather, generally associated with high-pressure systems.

Like all weather rules, Professor Lamb's summer dry spell misses about as often as it hits, but this year is a classic example. The second half of May has been dominated by an anti-cyclone squatting over the region and *denying access to the westerly* winds that sweep the traditional British weather to us from across the Atlantic.

To say that, however, is to offer mere mechanism rather than explanation. What we would like to know is whether the present weather pattern is part of a bigger picture, linked perhaps to climatic change. Only this week the United Nations published figures showing that the 1980s, averaged over the whole world, were the hottest decade ever recorded. Six of the ten hottest years on record occurred during the 1980s.

The British experience has certainly not been as extreme as that. Taking rainfall season by season, the average for the past three winters in England and Wales has actually been marginally above normal. Spring, summer and autumn rainfall has fallen short, but not by much. What has gone wrong is the distribution of rain, and its intensity. Public fascination with the drought owes a great deal to the fact that it is hitting the south-east, where population and media interest are centred. A comparable water shortage in the *highlands of Scotland* would occasion much less concern, at least in London. When the heartlands of Surrey, with their light soils, are banned the use of the hosepipe and the herbaceous borders begin to wilt, influential people sit up and take notice. Poor Kent, now into its third summer of hosepipe bans, at least



has the dreaded Wealden clay to hold what water there is and keep the plants alive.

The rainfall has also been inconsiderate in its timing. Much of eastern England depends on ground water sources, *which need* showers to keep them topped up. Occasional intense bursts of rain improve the statistical picture but do little to fill the aquafers because the water runs off the dry ground and into the rivers. Less rain, but falling every other day, *would have been more helpful.*

So much for describing the problem; what can science do about it? Gloriously little. As more and more of nature's secrets fall to the relentless march of scientific determinism, the weather remains obstinately unpredictable. Not only are we ignorant of what the weather is going to do; the weather itself doesn't know either.

In the trenches of the first world war a British scientist, Lewis Richardson, began dreaming of a truly scientific method of weather forecasting. The atmosphere, he reasoned, was governed by the well-known laws of gasses, so its underlying behaviour *ought to be* deterministic. If we knew accurately enough the state of the atmosphere at one moment in time, we could predict what it would be the next moment by solving the appropriate equations. The answer would be the starting point for the next calculation, and so on. Through an infinity of calculations we should be able to predict the weather as far forward as we could wish. Despite losing his paperwork at the battle of Champagne in 1917, Richardson *completed his first forecast.* Unfortunately, it was entirely wrong.

His method nevertheless forms the basis of today's weather forecasts. Numerical weather forecasting, using super-fast computers, has succeeded in producing better predictions, but only for a week or two ahead. What Richardson and his followers had overlooked was chaos.

Like all determinists, they had assumed that tiny influences could be ignored. But computer simulations in the 1960s showed that tiny changes in the starting values do matter. Approximate values are no good, for the merest trifle can multiply itself in the long series of calculations and send the whole system awry. The flutter of a butterfly's wing can turn itself into a fearful thunderstorm. The weather is therefore not merely difficult to know, but *unknowable.*

Piers Corbyn, an astrophysicist at the Polytechnic of the South Bank, believes he has disproved this thesis by identifying an alternative determining force, the behaviour of the sun. Dr Corbyn's method has achieved some well-publicised successes, but the jury is still out.

When the drought will end, if chaos really controls the weather, we cannot say. Experience, however, tells us that sooner or later it will start raining – and that within a day or two we shall be asking if it's ever going to stop.

Can the Pope rally the faithless?

East Europe craves a spiritual lead. Roger Boyes asks if today's visit will provide one



Polish nuns give the Pope an ecstatic welcome in 1987. He returns to find the church under attack for what many consider an overmighty role in public life

Examine the yellow and white papal bunting decorating Poland's streets and shrines this weekend and you will find damp marks from years of basement storage: the same pennants were used to greet the Pope in 1979, when he laid the fuses for Solidarity, and during his two pilgrimages to General Jaruzelski's Poland.

The last visit, in 1987, gave a final shove to Polish communism. This time he is sending a message to Christians in the Soviet Union. And in Poland he is pushing against a blend of scepticism, peasant superstition and aching fatigue that defines the spiritual mood of post-communist society.

Eastern Europe, according to the Polish primate, Cardinal Josef Glemp, is not only in a social and economic bind; it is also in the midst of a moral crisis. But what is the nature of this crisis?

The conventional Catholic analysis is that the collapse of communism, made inevitable by the endurance of Christianity and its alternative values, has left people without a sense of purpose. True, they are Catholics (in Poland, Slovakia, Croatia, Slovenia) but communism has been gnawing away at their souls. That is why half a million Polish women a year have abortions, why every third marriage ends in divorce, and why "deviants" (the word of the Polish deputy health minister) are spreading Aids. Now the Pope has come to put things right, first in Poland and then in the rest of eastern Europe.

The most profound crisis, however, is that of organised religion. The end of communism has also spelt the end of the unquestioned authority of the Catholic church in Poland. Some erosion of influence was predictable in the church in Hungary and in the Orthodox church of Romania, where the hierarchies were to some degree compromised during communist *rule. But in Poland, where Catholi*cism and nationhood have gone hand in hand for a thousand years, this comes as a surprise.

Not, as it happens, to Brother John. He is part of a Mormon advance guard, fresh-faced men from Utah who have the half-anxious, half-baffled air of subalterns on the Somme. He brought with him wads of religious material that a few years ago would have had to be smuggled in. Like the Pope, he has a gruelling nine-day itinerary.

Over the road, in a cheap hotel once patronised by Libyans and Cubans, a Hare Krishna team have rented rooms. They are looking for a temple. It is not easy, because Catholic parishioners keep blocking their applications. Faith healers too are popping up everywhere. The most popular is the Russian Anatoli Kashpirovski, who claims to cure by staring hypnotically from television screens.

In *Hungary, Czechoslovakia* and Yugoslavia, the American television evangelist Morris Cerullo is attracting a mass following. The Moonies and Scientologists are moving into eastern Europe with the same vigour (and frequently to the same £100-a-night hotels) as the marketing men from Marlboro, Coca Cola and Volkswagen. Eighteen days after German unification, Scientologists had distributed 10,000 books. They reckon on one convert for every 25 read.

Sensing the mood, Catholic priests are sprinkling holy water on new cars (to prevent accidents), exorcising buildings previously occupied by communists or secret policemen and do little to discourage countrywomen who increasingly report visions of the Virgin Mary.

There is plainly a spiritual hunger in post-communist societies that is not being satisfied by conventional religious practice. One reason is the scale of the economic misery. Economists estimate that it will take another ten years of unflinching monetarism before Poland reaches the economic level of a country like Greece.

Who can demand the necessary sacrifice and patience? Not, it seems, the revolutionary leaders turned presidents, nor governments whose authority has been diluted rather than strengthened by democracy. The communists *could enforce sacrifice and offered* job security and welfare benefits in return. Today workers do not know if they will have a job at the end of the week. This same disaffection is driving them away from the church. Ninety per cent of Poles still declare themselves to be Roman Catholics, but other figures are more revealing. Latest opinion polls show that 53 per cent of Poles think the church has too big a role in public life and 68 per cent want a constitutional separation of church and state.

The fact is that young Catholics in eastern Europe are adopting the attitudes of Catholics in America and other developed democracies. In Poland, the church has persuaded the Solidarity government to introduce voluntary religious lessons in school, to make divorce more difficult, to cut state subsidies for contraception and has urged the introduction (so far unsuccessfully) of penal sanctions for abortion.

The expansion of church power can be sensed everywhere. Local councils unable to find public libraries are handing the books over to parish priests. All this is starting to jar: to many Poles it seems that the church is trying to cling to its position by means of power politics rather than persuasion. The political energy that was used to combat communism is now being channeled into creating a more "spiritual" Poland. To some, that clericalisation of everday life seems to put curbs on the country's new democratic freedoms. "Ayatollah Glemp," says the Cracow graffiti.

For the Pope, the unsubtle task is to show the neighbouring Russians, Ukrainians and Lithuanians they are not forgotten. The delicate mission awaiting him in his homeland is to untangle the modern realities of post-communist Europe. He has to explain, convincingly, that a hierarchical church can have an important, legitimate role in a free and pluralistic island.

...and moreover

MATTHEW PARRIS

I shall not name the MP who last week accused William Waldegrave, the health secretary, of promoting "queue-jumping" in the NHS; but, hearing this, I must say I did a double take. *Queue-jumping?* And what's wrong with that? Had I misunderstood the whole purpose of my stint on the back benches? Had I got the wrong end of the stick in my constituency work?

I think not. It is widely believed that conscientious MPs work all the hours God sends, helping the constituents who approach them. That belief is well-founded. My years of beneficence in West Derbyshire rivalled only those of Mother Teresa in Calcutta, and consisted in large measure of giving, to the 1 per cent of my electorate who were so brazen as to seek an MP's help, an unfair advantage over the 99 per cent who were too timid: and boasting about it at elections.

Housing and planning provided the greater part of constituency work. If you had a tricky application for a proposed porch at the front of your house, if your council-house window frames were rotten, or if your married daughter was way down the list of applicants for a flat, then you might (if you chose to ignore the proper role of an MP) have approached me. If so I should happily have ignored my proper role, too, and taken up your case with the Derbyshire Dales district council.

Now *why*? Why should an MP's intervention alter the proprieties of planning law, the works schedule for council house repairs, or the points system for would-be tenants? I would weakly tell myself that all I was doing was ensuring that a problem was properly considered: but of course you should not need an MP for that. If you do, then something is more amiss than a rotten window frame.

More ingeniously, I would tell myself that involvement in "real" problems gave me a useful snapshot of where the system had broken down. Maybe. But it also discouraged me from doing anything about it. Every window frame fixed was a grateful constituent. Every grateful constituent was an MP doubly grateful to the local government officer who had fixed it at his request. Sensible officers see to it that an MP's headed notepaper brings results, for they know that if they give him his little victories then they can head him off from bigger campaigns. Sooner or later the MP's support (or, more often, silence) will be useful to them.

What is a window fixed here, a juggle to the housing waiting list there, or a child squeezed into an out-of-catchment school down the road, if it provides the trail of birdseed that brings an MP to eat from their hands?

"We elect", said Walter Bagehot, "six hundred men to serve in Parliament, and the question arises: what are they to do?" It was with this question much in mind that I sat as a nervous young MP in my advertised interview session for constituents with problems, in Matlock, in the early summer of 1979. My agent, acting as receptionist in the corridor, ushered in my first case.

He looked equally nervous. He was 18. His girlfriend, who looked younger, sat next to him. Silence followed. I broke it.

"What's the problem?"

He looked at her, and she at him. "You explain," she said.

"Well," he stammered, "it's like this. We're living in a tent."

"Dear me," I said, "that won't do at all! I shall have to have a word with the director of housing on the council, to see what they can do..."

He interrupted: "No, it's not that. We've already applied. But we're way down the list because we're not married and we don't have children. We think it would be best if she" – he looked at her – "got pregnant."

"Dear me," I said, "I don't think that would be a good idea at all. It isn't a sufficient reason, you know.

He interrupted again. "It's not like that. We've already decided, anyway. It's just that..." Words failed him.

"Yes?" I said.

"She isn't getting pregnant. I don't know if we're – well, you know – doing it right..."

She glanced caringly in his direction. I could hear my agent snorting in the corridor. I was only 29 and by no means confident that I would know if they were doing it right, either, particularly in a tent.

I sent them to a pregnancy advice clinic and put in a plea on their behalf to the council. It was my first act as an MP. The council were the soul of helpfulness. This was the beginning of seven years' harmony.

Fiver fever sweeps the land

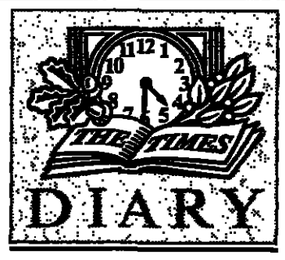
The Red Cross is anxious to recover 49 £5 notes signed by celebrities to raise money for the Kurds. Not that it is that strapped for the cash, but in a charity auction the notes, with a total face value of £245, could fetch up to 20 times that.

The notes were inadvertently banked by a Red Cross worker. Only one, signed by Angela Rippon, has so far been found. "We are appealing to people to search their wallets and check if they have any of the other 49," says Charles Eldred-Evans of the Red Cross.

The charity has already ruled out asking the signatories – who include John Major and Frank Bruno – to autograph a new batch. "That would mean there would be two fivers per celebrity in circulation and their value would be reduced accordingly," says Eldred-Evans. Nor could the special circumstances of their signing be recreated. "They were all autographed at the Simple Truth concert. It wouldn't be the same to ask everyone to sign again by post."

Hopes rose yesterday that a fiver handed over the counter of a Milton Keynes record shop is that signed by Major. It has been sent to the Red Cross for verification. That should prove easy, for each note bears not only a signature but an identifying word, symbol, slogan or other mark.

A number of forgeries are in circulation, notably of the note signed by the pop star M.C. Hammer. "We have had about sixty calls from people claiming to have M.C. Hammer notes," says the Red Cross. "None is the genuine article". The distinguishing feature of Hammer's original is the colour of the ink. Those whose wallets reveal a Hammer signature in Quink's finest blue-black need not apply.



● *The East-West thaw brings to light this 1950s' Soviet briefing describing the typical British officer: "He has a spoilt, capricious and blasé character and loves pornographic literature, suggestive pictures, recherché food and strong drink. His chief amusements are gambling, racing and sports. He goes to bed at dawn and gets up at midday." Would it were true, say those who vomped through the Falklands and boiled in the Gulf.*

Support from afar

The threat by Cheltenham's Everyman Theatre to remove Captain Mark Phillips as a patron because he has not attended one performance for *more than two years has caused* some consternation at Buckingham Palace, for the Queen's attendance record as a patron of various institutions is even worse.

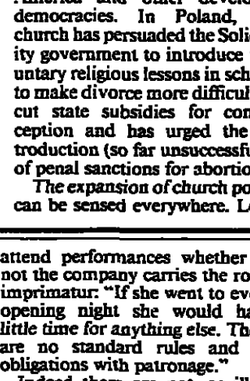
Despite lending her name to the Royal National Theatre, the Queen has been there only twice in 15 years. Her attendance at a gala performance of *The Tempest* in 1988 to mark the theatre's royal prefix was her first since 1976. The Royal Shakespeare Company has performed before her fewer than half a dozen times in 30 years. But rejecting the attitude of the Everyman, the RSC says: "There are more valuable and subtle ways of support than coming to the theatre."

Buckingham Palace insists that the Queen feels no obligation to attend performances whether or not the company carries the royal imprimatur: "If she went to every opening night she would have *little time for anything else.* There are no standard rules and no obligations with patronage."

Indeed there are not, as illustrated by the Edinburgh Festival, of which the Queen has been patron since the early 1950s. "When she is in Scotland she doesn't *like leaving Balmoral*", says one source. "She last came in 1964 when she happened to be in the vicinity after opening the Forth road bridge."

Candid Kenny

From "gissajob" to "don't wannajob": Alan Bleasdale, creator of the Yosser Hughes character who gave the 1980s one of its best-known catch phrases, is writing the biography of the reclusive Kenny Dalglish. Bleasdale, whose new television series *GBH* starts next week, was ap-



proached by the taciturn former Liverpool manager to tell the real tale of his surprise decision to quit the Anfield dug-out in February.

Dalglish, known as football's answer to Greta Garbo, has surprised friends by going public. Perhaps he wouldn't were it not for Bleasdale. They are old friends, and the writer even persuaded Dalglish to appear in *Boys From the Black Stuff.* Since leaving Liverpool, Dalglish has shown no inclination to seek another job in football. Not a few clubs around the country would be only too thrilled if Bleasdale could instil in him a little of the Yosser spirit.

Stormont stalwart

The view attributed to Lord Prior that Northern Ireland is the dustbin of British politics is not shared by Richard Needham, who on Tuesday begins his seventh year at Stormont. That makes him the longest-serving minister in Northern Ireland since direct rule was introduced nearly 20 years ago. In that time he has held every portfolio except education, agriculture and law and order.

Few bookmakers would have quoted odds on Needham's survival last year after the IRA eavesdropped on a telephone conversation with his wife in which he called Mrs Thatcher "a silly cow". He rode out that indiscretion. "I don't think it would be very good for democratic politics if a criminal act by a terrorist organisation led to the dismissal of a minister," he now says.

For someone who hates flying, what has caused Needham most concern over the years is the frequent flights he has to take between Belfast and London. But that has its bright side. After more than 1,000 flights gripping the seat and closing his eyes, he has minefields of Northern Ireland politics hold little fear.

● *Gone are the days when Mr and Mrs Smith raised suspicious looks from the hotel desk clerk. Whether or not the result of the recession, hoteliers are going out of their way to cater for the dirty weekend. A 14th-century hotel in Oxfordshire is offering the "smart and naught weekend set" a special rate of £65 per night, no questions asked.*

TIMES PAST — THE TIMES

STINKING RICH

A mountain of odium has been heaped this week on top people's pay. Senior executives have been castigated for rises granted them in better times. Others have rushed out news of pay cuts to assuage shareholder fury. Public officials who in the past defended perks as compensation for low "public service" salaries now defend bonuses as vital to maintain "market place" incentives. In the past decade, chief executive pay has risen 281 per cent, more than double the inflation rate. Such executives received 11 times the pay of a skilled worker in 1980: that figure is now 24 times.

Various explanations can be offered for the week's extraordinary antics. The first is government hypocrisy. When Labour ministers in the 1970s used to administer bromides on pay from the dispatch box, Tories used to shout "none of your business". Now the same bromides come from erstwhile free-market Tories.

Inflationary awards were made by the Treasury last winter to the police, soldiers, nurses and related groups simply because ministers were afraid of their political power. Index-linked pricing for privatised utility monopolies, designed to help flotation and protect companies such as BT and British Gas from recession, has also enabled many senior executives to receive mouth-watering "profit-related" pay rises. As news of these awards makes its way round negotiating tables, ministers (and the CBI) might have been wise to eschew lecturing lesser mortals on pay restraint.

Government is not the only culprit. Fixing the pay of those bearing responsibility in any organisation is hard. In the boom of the 1980s, many entrepreneurs earned huge incomes, both from building up their own businesses and from short-term operations in specialist financial markets. More conventional corporate executives were envious, and persuaded themselves to introduce often lavish bonus schemes. The operation of the Companies Act has brought the resulting rewards to light at a most embarrassing time. While many of the "yuppy" entrepreneurs are now out of work, the executives still enjoy their bonuses.

The heads-you-win, tails-you-can't-lose schemes were justified on bizarre grounds: that top executives needed to stop themselves leaving for banking or consultancy; that they had to be paid more than their finance directors whose market price was higher; that "pay is not important except to show the value the company puts in me".

What enrages some shareholders — and ministers in the case of the governor of the Bank of England — is that a pay-boosting performance may be entirely due to market circumstance, share manipulation, government price-fixing or improved productivity on the shop floor. Bonus schemes are usually fixed by non-executives, appointed by those whose pay they are fixing. Some schemes protect directors against sudden falls but even where they do not, the scheme must breed an obsession with short-term profit rather than long-term performance. A parody has even crept into Whitehall, where some civil servants now have a performance-related pay element.

Some of the resulting salaries bear no relations to any sensible criterion of reward, to need, to pressure of work, to differentials, to the importance of retaining key staff or to productivity. Most big corporate entities are bureaucracies. Senior executive security is high and the perks good. Huge incomes were traditionally for the enterprising, the risk-taking, the short term and those who live dangerously. Few corporate executives have large capital exposure in their companies. They may feel entitled to live well at the expense of shareholders and customers. But to the public, especially in a deep recession, the antics now revealed suggest sheer greed. They encourage the wider public to feel humiliated, angry and rebellious.

Last week, Sir Adrian Cadbury set up a new CBI/City of London committee on "corporate governance". It will embrace relations between shareholders and directors. It has some Augean stables to clean.

LET HIM HAVE HIS DAY

President Gorbachev appears close to obtaining the invitation to the London economic summit on July 15-17 he plainly covets, following yesterday's meeting between President Bush and Mr Gorbachev's envoy, Yevgeni Primakov. Mr Bush now professes himself convinced that Moscow is taking the hard road to economic reform and "needs help along the way".

To some extent, Mr Bush's hand has been forced from Europe. On Wednesday, Messrs Mitterrand and Kohl urged that Mr Gorbachev be allowed to join the G7 party and yesterday Jacques Attali, the president of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), invited Mr Gorbachev to visit the EBRD's London headquarters for a "working session". Mr Attali's offer has the Elysée stamped all over it. Should Mr Gorbachev happen to be in London during the summit, how could he be ignored?

The question is whether the Soviet Union's troubles are to be allowed to dominate the summit. The answer must be no. The central task before this summit is to clear away the appalling fog now surrounding the Gatt's Uruguay round of global trade talks. Since that is the last thing most of those present want to talk about, nothing must be permitted to distract their attention. Last July at Houston, the seven solemnly intoned that they gave the round "the highest priority". In December, they allowed the talks to collapse. This year, promises will not suffice. The seven must cut a deal.

Nothing but the certainty that the Western summit will stand or fall on that will get the European Community, whose hostility to freeing farm trade is wrecking the talks, to pay any attention to the dangers facing the world trading system. The Uruguay round is not even on the agenda for EC foreign ministers in mid-June. On present plans, political and economic union will dominate the European Council on June 28.

Trade is far more important than aid to countries struggling to shake off the appalling legacy of closed economies. That holds true for the Soviet Union and that is why Mr Gorbachev should not be invited to make an eighth at the summit table. But that is also why the seven should invite him (perhaps plus Mr Yeltsin) to one day of talks in London, immediately before the summit.

That course would have two virtues. It would get the Soviet Union out of the way before the summit proper, and it would enable a multilateral discussion of the case, if any, for Western aid and the merits of the latest Soviet plan for economic reform.

This plan does have merit, political as well as economic. On privatisation, foreign investment, dismantling trade controls and even currency convertibility it is radical. Still more important, it is not just the Kremlin's creature. It has been accepted by the economics ministers of 13 of the 15 Soviet republics, including Lithuania's, with only Estonia and Georgia holding aloof. And the republics, not the centre, would be responsible for most privatisation.

The plan is thus the first serious sign that the Kremlin is prepared to cede power to the republics. That makes it potentially a giant step towards freeing the economy, ending the republics' tax revolt which is sending the Soviet budget into soaring deficit, and starting down the road to political compromise on which stability in the Union depends. Mr Gorbachev will have plenty of trouble overcoming opposition to the plan at home without the West adding to his difficulties by refusing to take it seriously. Words are not acts and there is still plenty of room for scepticism, but the West should give it serious scrutiny. For one day: then down to business on trade.

ALL IN AN AFTERNOON

Not long after dawn 75 years ago today, Sir John Jellicoe signalled the Admiralty from the middle of the North Sea: "Enemy fleet returned to harbour." Thus ended a great naval battle between the British Grand Fleet and the German High Seas Fleet. It had lasted from HMS Galatea's first signal "enemy in sight" on the afternoon of May 31 to the British commander-in-chief's signal from HMS Iron Duke early on June 1.

Britons call the encounter between the world's two largest naval fleets the Battle of Jutland, the Germans called it Skagerrak. The disagreement did not end there. The British were left in possession of the North Sea, as Jellicoe's signal conveyed, but the Kaiser promptly claimed a great victory. In fact it was indecisive — and for that reason, a strategic defeat for Germany. British command of the sea was the fulcrum of allied hopes of eventual victory. Nothing had impelled the two sides towards war more firmly than the German attempt to outbuild the Royal Navy in dreadnoughts. The great strategic battle to decide the issue was Jutland. If the Germans could not win it outright, they lost it.

Today also sees the poignant reunion in Portsmouth of such British survivors, none under 90, as are still fit to make the journey. They will remember not the most bloody 26 hours in British military history but perhaps the most violent. Some 250 ships fought that day (one in ten were lost) and 64 of them were battleships or battle cruisers. The sheer ferocity of repeated broadsides between opposing lines of battleships has had no equal in conventional warfare before or since. Therein lies the enduring fascination of the Battle of Jutland.

The British lost more men and more capital ships and therefore suffered a blow to national prestige. There may well have been "something wrong with our bloody ships", as Sir David Beatty declared in the course of the battle. But while the British naval blockade was resumed the day after Jutland, the German aim — to break the stranglehold and control the Atlantic — was abandoned in favour of submarine warfare. Their fleet was locked in harbour, venturing out only once again before mutinying in 1918, after the defeat of the German army. As the mutiny spread, the starving country collapsed.

Admiral Reinhard Scheer, the German commander, had probably been dealt a losing hand long before Jutland. His prospects of an overwhelming victory were small. Admiral Jellicoe could have lost a dozen capital ships or more, and still ruled the North Sea. At this distance in time, therefore, the Kaiser's mania for battleships looks like self-destructive madness. Had he refrained from his naval challenge, Britain would have had every incentive to sit out the conflict between France and Germany as it had in 1870. In 1914, Britain had to go to war for the Channel ports and the sea.

For all its tactical indecisiveness, Jutland stands at the strategic heart of that great struggle. To look backwards from June 1 1916 is to see the origins of the first world war; to look forwards is to see the origins of the second. Few battles deserve to be commemorated as much as Jutland.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Lessons of whistleblow on 'pindown'

From the Director of the Royal Philanthropic Society

Sir, The much publicised report into "pindown" methods adopted in Staffordshire's children's homes (details and leading article, May 31) has prompted the government to announce its intention to hold a review into the management and supervision of children's homes. I am sceptical of yet another Department of Health enquiry into child care.

The department itself undertook a major inspection of some children's homes in 1985 and has acknowledged, through direct correspondence with this society, that the report was "valuable but underused". Further, the department's own inspectorate is a part of the monitoring and inspection system and in my view should be covered by an independent review. There have been numerous inspections and enquiries which have concluded with equally numerous recommendations. Enquiries are often a political expedient.

In my view the problems are self-evident: bad management, poor supervision, inadequate skill training both for residential social workers and their managers, no systematic staff development or appraisal programmes, a lack of more public accountability or of a coherent philosophy of care (i.e., what is its purpose), and a gross marginalisation of residential child care by local authorities because they lack the adequate resources to establish it, effectively manage it, and service it properly.

Residential care must also be an integrated process which includes health and education inputs. Effective staff training and development are crucial.

It is all very well for society to throw its hands up in horror at Staffordshire's revelations. However, it will now realise that any form of residential care is both a highly complex and skilled process, which makes considerable demands of policy-makers, managers, and practitioners. It is rightly making demands of both local and national politicians.

The response has to be more than a Department of Health-initiated review. I would suggest that action is required which will acknowledge the status of skilful residential intervention into the young lives of children, and provide it with the necessary resources.

Yours faithfully,
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High Street, Redhill, Surrey.
May 31.

From the Director of the Lady Hoare Trust

Sir, Our 28 independent social workers give practical and financial help to physically disabled children and their families. Being able to respond flexibly and effectively is crucial, and it is our social workers' ability to do this which attracts funds and sponsorship.

The current adverse publicity surrounding the profession means *all* social workers risk being tarred with the same brush. Not only would this be unjust; it could also seriously damage the potential of organisations such as ours to raise the money we urgently need to continue and develop our work.

Yours faithfully,
JANE ATKINSON, Director,
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44-46 Fleet Street, EC4.
May 30.

From Mrs J. A. Bourne

Sir, Some 40 years ago, before the Church of England began to turn its back and when the remainder of the voluntary sector could largely cope, the official phrase, if a child was bereft, was that he or she might be *received* into care.

The more modern phrase "*taken* into care" speaks volumes. It is our disinterest that has left some social services unbridled.

Yours sincerely,
MARJORIE BOURNE,
Green Farm Cottage, Timble,
Otley, West Yorkshire.
May 30.

Risks in the dawn of the polyversity

From Dr George Bernard

Sir, As a sometime polytechnic lecturer I can share the jubilation of my former colleagues that the government has decided to abolish the distinction between a polytechnic and a university (report, May 21). But if polytechnics are to become universities in anything more than name, then substantial additional funding will be required.

The key distinction has been that university lecturers, unlike polytechnic staff, are contractually required to pursue research and thus to teach at a level informed by their research. Accordingly universities, unlike polytechnics, have been funded (though increasingly inadequately) to allow them to perform both these duties.

If additional resources are not made available then there is a real risk that some of their current but inadequate funding will be transferred from universities to polytechnics. That would worsen the quality of teaching as well as of research in the institutions affected, since they would be compelled by deteriorating student/staff ratios to rely more and more on impersonal lectures and large classes rather than offering small group teaching and attention to students as individuals.

In short, instead of turning the present 46 universities and 33 polytechnics into 79 universities, we may in a few years discover that we have (say) a dozen universities reasonably adequately funded to pursue original research and quality teaching, leaving some three score institutions which though called "universities" will be polytechnics in all but name.

Yours faithfully,
GEORGE BERNARD,
The University of Southampton,
Department of History,
Southampton,
Hampshire.
May 23.

From the Director of Leeds Polytechnic

Sir, "Will the universities sustain their cultural hegemony?" asks Jonathan Clark ("Dawn of the polyversity", May 22). This is the crucial issue in the government's current proposals. At root, it concerns accountability.

When 10 years ago, I chaired the Commons select committee on education, science and the arts and we studied the future of higher education, it was clear that some universities felt they had an accountability to scholarship which overrode that to government or Parliament. This sense of robust independence does them credit, but the polytechnics have emerged from a local tradition which is more responsive to the actual needs of students and the economy.

There is certainly a danger that my polytechnic director colleagues may be incorporated into what Jonathan Clark describes as the universities' "elegant values". I, however, shall be looking to forge with university vice-chancellors a rather wider and more democratic culture for the whole of higher education in England.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER PRICE, Director,
Leeds Polytechnic,
Calverly Street,
Leeds, West Yorkshire.
May 23.

From Sir Peter Crill

Sir, We are told in the white paper that polytechnics and some colleges are to be given the right to confer degrees. Does this mean that royal charters, for such is the pathway to university status, as the white paper acknowledges, will fall like leaves in autumn from a bountiful Department of Education and Science?

Before a royal charter may be granted the applicant polytechnic or college has to satisfy a number of stringent academic criteria. The university with which I am connected had to do so before its status could be changed. Is the government intending to retain these essential requirements? I hope sincerely that it will do so.

Yours faithfully,
PETER CRILL,
Beechfield House,
Trinity,
Jersey, CI.
May 23.

From Mrs P. M. Grayburn

Sir, What a very boring suggestion ("Noticeboard", May 27) that the polytechnics should be renamed "New University" followed by the name of the town or city.

Could not the differentiation be made in a more imaginative way, on the lines of Heriot-Watt or Brunel? Or at least give them some real identity of their own, analogous to Aston or Strathclyde.

Yours faithfully,
PATRICIA GRAYBURN,
Farley House, Farley Green,
Albury, Guildford,
Surrey.
May 28.

British Nato forces

From Mr Frank Allaun

Sir, With the dissolution of the Warsaw Treaty Organisation it was hoped that Nato would be similarly wound up. Now, according to defence correspondent Michael Evans (May 25) it is to be expanded. The Soviet Union is still viewed as a potential threat, British officials state.

Surely that is highly unlikely. The Soviet threat — if it ever existed — has gone. Since 1985 under Mr Gorbachev, the whole policy of the USSR has been for East-West peace. Second, the economic weakness of the country and of eastern Europe makes attack impossible, quite apart from the selling off of many arms plants.

So, as Denis Healey asked, who is the enemy Nato is facing? It would seem that where there is no enemy the American and British governments have to find one (at a cost to our Treasury of £21 billion a year according to this year's arms estimates). Governmental hostility towards the Soviet Union is returning in the form of reluctance to provide trade guarantees, a go-slow on arms reduction agreements, and personal vilification of Mr Gorbachev in certain parts of the media.

If Nato's area of operations were to be extended to confrontation in the Middle East (and, I suspect, to lands further east) that would be good neither for the servicemen nor the taxpayer. Washington alone knows what kind of venture that might lead to.

All this military activity is weakening the United Nations. If sending troops abroad is to be undertaken it should be decided by the UN alone.

Yours sincerely,
FRANK ALLAUN
(Vice-president, CND),
11 Eastleigh Road, Manchester.
May 26.

House price inflation

From Mr M. R. Darke

Sir, Who is kidding whom? I find Robin Leigh-Pemberton's reported remark ("Bank set to act on house prices", May 24) to the Building Societies Association conference commenting on house price inflation that "with hindsight, the price of credit was too low during a critical period in the Eighties, when deregulation freed the credit supply" quite remarkable.

A low interest rate and deregulation is a recipe for fuelling an explosion of house prices in a market where not only is the supply of the product inelastic in the short run for which the credit is to be made available but also in which demand reflects inflationary expectations.

Yours faithfully,
M. R. DARKE,
Leeds Business School,
Leeds Polytechnic,
43 Woodhouse Lane,
Leeds,
West Yorkshire.
May 24.

From Mr Richard Wardrop

Sir, Following Mr Leigh-Pemberton's comments on house price inflation, I am prompted to ask what plans he has to bring bank employees' mortgage rates into line with the rest of us poor (*sic*) mortals?

He might also care to comment on whether he regards such cheap mortgages as a perk in line with other taxable perks such as cars?

I am, Sir, your obedient, poor servant,
RICHARD WARDROP,
Cherry Bank,
Forge Close,
Kintbury,
Berkshire.
May 24.

First over Everest

From Mr P. L. Cronbach

Sir, Your Diary records (May 25) that the Westland Wallace was a three-engined aircraft. In fact the two aircraft which flew over Everest were each powered by one newly developed, supercharged Bristol Pegasus engine. They also needed Handley Page Slots.

The Wallace was renamed the Houston-Westland after Lady Houston who financed the expedition as she had previously the final Schneider Trophy race success.

The team's book, *First over Everest*, published the same year, 1933, of the flight gives a comprehensive account of the project with pictures worthy of *The Times* photographs of that era. It would be interesting to know whether the Gaumont British film, directed by Geoffrey Barkas, still exists and could be shown again on television.

Yours faithfully,
P. L. CRONBACH (Chairman,
Handley Page Association),
14 Bishops Avenue,
Elstree, Hertfordshire.
May 27.

Hard on the eye

From the Director of the Tate Gallery

Sir, As a distinguished conservator with a special interest in Constable, John Bull (May 24) is in a better position than most to recognise the value of seeing Constable, and indeed most other paintings, by daylight rather than artificial light.

In contrast to so many modern galleries, one of the pleasures of the great Edwardian galleries at the Tate lies in their fine natural lighting. That is why, for an experimental period during the summer months, we have instituted a policy of turning off the artificial lighting in these galleries.

Of course, the vagaries of the English weather, which Constable so wonderfully depicts, are such that on dull days light-levels drop. We ought to have turned on the lights when the natural light disappeared on May 17 and will do so in future.

Incidentally, John Bull should not worry about being able to see the Constable exhibition in ideal conditions. In our special exhibition galleries automatic controls bring on the lights when daylight fails.

Yours faithfully,
NICHOLAS SEROTA, Director,
The Tate Gallery, Millbank, SW1.

Cycling circles

From Mr Paul Gasson

Sir, Your leader (May 25) states that "London plans to create 1,000 miles of cycle lanes". "London" cannot plan to aid cyclists in any way as there is no body that represents London as a whole. The "1,000-mile network" that you allude to was first proposed by the London Cycling Campaign in 1987 and received the blessing of the Department of Transport in the spring of 1990.

Since that date little concrete support has been forthcoming to add to the 230 miles of cycle routes currently implemented in the capital.

Not only will a completed cycle network improve mobility in London, but it will also help to dispel London's reputation for chaos and congestion. Cycling is already the quickest way of travelling around London, a fact that the 300,000 Londoners who travel by bike daily can demonstrate.

Carried out properly the 1,000-mile cycle network could become a model scheme for other cities to follow, something of which London could be justly proud.

Yours faithfully,
P. GASSON (Chairman),
London Cycling Campaign,
3 Stamford Street, SE1.

Somnolent sermons

From Mr R. F. Bailey

Sir, The correspondence about "somnolent sermons" (May 17, 27) recalls the story about Dr Robert South (1634-1716).

Preaching one day before Charles II, he suddenly interrupted his sermon to call out: "Lord Lauderdale, let me entreat you to rouse yourself; you snore so loud you will wake the King!"

Yours faithfully,
R. F. BAILEY,
11 Kings Avenue,
Woodford Green, Essex.

From Miss B. M. West

Sir, George Herbert has the best remedy: "The worst speak something good; if all want sense, God takes a text, and preacheth patience". (*The Temple;* The Church Porch),

Yours etc.,
B. M. WEST,
16 Lime Close,
Chichester, West Sussex.

From the Reverend R. J. Pope

Sir, Eastham Parish Church, Cheshire, churchwardens' accounts, 1774:

Agreed likewise to allow 10s for the present year to the clerk for mending his salary and providing a proper person to keep people awake in time of Divine Service and clearing the Church of Dogs and other disturbances.

Yours sincerely,
RODNEY J. POPE,
4 Abbey Close, Curry Rivel,
Langport, Somerset.

From the Dean of Merton College

Sir, At the end of a three-hour sermon by the Reverend Edward Tatham (Rector of Lincoln College, 1792-1834), the only member of the congregation left was found to be dead.

Yours truly,
THOMAS BRAUN, Dean,
Merton College, Oxford.

Charities under fire

From the General Secretary of Pax Christi (British section)

Sir, With all due respect to the Chief Charity Commissioner (May 27) the concern many people feel about the recent criticisms of Oxfam is *not* "based on a misunderstanding of the law and its application". It is our response to the potential damage to the cause of relieving Third World poverty, following the commissioners' report.

Public perceptions of Oxfam will inevitably be based on the common understanding of the terms "politics" and "charity". The meanings of both these words have become distorted in modern times. "Politics" in our culture now refers to the machinations of organised parties with an agenda by which they aim to hold power. The present notion of "charity" derives far more from the rich Victorian philanthropist than its biblical sense of the selfless serving of others.

Of course, these definitions may themselves be used to serve political ends; members of the International Freedom Foundation (a highly politicised body), for example, have expended much energy in investigating charitable organisations. Until a redefinition of the word charity enables us all to accept that the poor and marginalised should be served according to their needs and not our assumptions, the scandal of death and deprivation in our world will continue.

Yours faithfully,
PATRICIA GAFFNEY,
General Secretary,
Pax Christi (British section),
9 Henry Road, N4.
May 29.

From Mr Ansel Harris

Sir, The recent Charity Commission's enquiry observes (report, May 10) that "it did not appear that the trustees of Oxfam had fully heeded the commissioners' warnings". This is the third time in six years that the commission, following complaints about Oxfam's political activities, has warned the charity. And yet the commission has again decided not "to refer the matter to the Attorney General", apparently because despite this repeated defiance they judge the trustees to have acted in good faith.

Whilst the commissioners have taken a lenient view of this repeated disdain of their warnings, the public is clearly more critical. This is reflected in Oxfam's most recent accounts. Oxfam's shops represent its most important interface with the donating public. Last year, however, Oxfam shop income fell for the first time; expenditure on public affairs, including campaigning, rose by 26 per cent to £3.2 million.

By its supine attitude revealed in this enquiry, the commission is in danger of failing in its purpose "to uphold public confidence in their (charities') integrity and accountability" (letter from the Chief Charity Commissioner, May 27). The supervision of this £13 billion industry needs a superior supervisory body like an ombudsman rather than the present Charity Commission.

Yours faithfully,
ANSEL HARRIS,
23 Ferncroft Avenue, NW3.
May 27.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 31: The Duke of Edinburgh, Colonel-in-Chief, visited The Queen's Royal Irish Hussars and the Corps of Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers in the Federal Republic of Germany.

Captain Ian Grant, RM, was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 31: The Prince Edward, Trustee, today gave a lunch for The Duke of Edinburgh's Award in Buckingham Palace.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 31: The Princess Royal, President, British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, visited Bryant of Scotland, Tillicoultry and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Clackmannan (the Earl of Mar and Kellie).

Afterwards Her Royal Highness attended a lunch given by Stirling District Council at Smith Art Gallery and Museum, Stirling and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Stirling and Falkirk (Lieutenant Colonel James Stirling of Garden).

This afternoon The Princess Royal, Visitor, Strathcarron Hospice, attended a Symposium "Caring and the Whole Person" at Alloa Town Hall, Clackmannan.

This evening Her Royal Highness, President, Save the Children Fund, attended a Gala Performance by the Scottish Ballet Small Touring Company at Reid Hall, Forfar and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Angus (the Earl of Airlie, Kt).

Mrs Charles Ritchie was in attendance.

CLARENCE HOUSE
May 31: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Colonel-in-Chief, The Light Infantry, today presented, on behalf of The Queen, New Colours to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Battalions of the Regiment at Tidworth.

Ruth, Lady Fermoy, Sir Martin Gilliat and Captain Conolly Morris-Adams were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
May 31: The Prince of Wales attended the Royal Bath and West of England Show at the Showground, Shepton Mallet, Somerset.

His Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Somerset (Colonel Walter Luttrell).

Mr David Landale was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
May 30: The Duke of Gloucester, Grand Prior, the Order of St John, today received the Hospitaller (Surgeon Vice-Admiral Sir Godfrey Milton-Thompson).

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
May 31: The Duchess of Kent, Patron, today visited Helen House, Leopold Street, Oxford.

Mrs Peter Wilmot-Sitwell was in attendance.

Tomorrow is the 38th anniversary of The Queen's coronation. King Constantine of The Hellenes celebrates his birthday tomorrow.

Royal engagements

TODAY: Prince Edward, as Chairman of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Special Projects Group, will visit Noel Baker Community School, Derby, at 10.45; Pickfords House Museum at 2.15; and Hassal Homes, Derby, at 3.40.

The Princess Royal, as a Visitor of Strathcarron Hospice, will visit the hospice in Denny, Stirlingshire, at 11.00; as Honorary Freeman of Falkirk District, will attend the Freedom ceremony in the Council Chambers at 12.10; and will attend a garden party for Strathcarron Hospice in Callendar House Park at 2.05 followed by the Falkirk District "Spring Fling".

Princess Alexandra will attend a thanksgiving service in York Minster at 1.30 to mark the 60th anniversary of the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association.

TOMORROW: The Duke of Edinburgh, as Colonel of the Grenadier Guards, will attend a regimental luncheon at Wellington Barracks at 1.15; and will attend the regimental remembrance service and parade at 3.00.

Weekend birthdays

TODAY: Sir Geoffrey Aldington, diplomat, 84; Sir Peter Bristow, former High Court judge, 78; Sir Frederick Corfield, QC, former MP, 76; Miss Gemma Craven, actress, 41; Lord Deedes, 78; Sir Norman Foster, architect, 56; Mr David Gestetner, president, Gestetner Holdings, 54; Mr Henry Grunfeld, president, S.G. Warburg Group, 87; Sir Robert Megarry, former Vice-Chancellor of the Supreme Court, 81; Mr Bob Monkhouse, comedian and broadcaster, 63; Air Commodore R.M.B. Montague, director, WRAF, 52; the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, 52; Brigadier Alastair Pearson, former Lord-Lieutenant of Dunbartonshire, 76; Professor Paco Peña, flamenco guitarist, 49; Mr Robert Powell, actor, 47; Mr Jonathan Pryce, actor, 44; Mr Gerald Scarfe, artist, 55; Professor Sir Michael Thompson, vice-chancellor, Birmingham University, 60; Sir John Tooley, former general director, Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, 67; Mr Philip Turner, former Solicitor to the Post Office, 78; Air Commodore Sir Frank Whittle, OM, aviation expert, 84; Mr Edward Woodward, actor, 61.

TOMORROW: Sir Richard Bonallack, former president, Freight Bonallack, 87; Lord Boyd-Carpenter, 83; Air Marshal Sir Ivor Broom, 71; Miss Heather Couper, astronomer, 42; Mr Handel Davies, aeronautical engineer, 79; Mr Mark Elder, music director, English National Opera, 44; Admiral Sir Richard Fitch, 62; Mr Marvin Hamlisch, composer, 47; the Right Rev Richard Harries, Bishop of Oxford, 55; Mr Justice Jupp, 74; Lord Kadoorie, 92; Mr Gay Kindersley, racehorse trainer, 61; the Hon Sir Peter Morrison, MP, 47; Sir Denis Mountain, former chairman and managing director, Eagle Star Insurance Company, 62; Professor Robin Orr, composer, 82; Mr Leonard Parkin, broadcaster, 62; Canon Dr Anthony Phillips, headmaster, King's School, Canterbury, 55; Sir Christopher Slade, former Lord Justice of Appeal, 64; Mr Johnny Speight, writer, 71; Sir Sigmund Sternberg, chairman, ISYS, 70; Mrs Barbara Tate, president, Society of Women Artists, 64; Mr Charlie Watts, Rolling Stones' drummer, 50.

Weekend anniversaries

Today

BIRTHS: Robert Cecil, 1st Earl of Salisbury, statesman, London, 1563; Mikhail Glinka, composer, Novospasskoye, Russia, 1804; John Masefield, poet laureate 1930-67, Ledbury, Herefordshire, 1878.

DEATHS: James Gillray, caricaturist, London, 1815; Sir David Wilkie, painter, at sea off Gibraltar, 1841; James Buchanan, 15th president of the USA 1857-61, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, 1868; Charles Lever, novelist, Trieste, 1872; Sir Hugh Walpole, novelist, Keswick, 1941; Leslie Howard, actor, killed in an aircraft shot down, 1943; Ion Antonescu, dictator of Romania, executed, Jilava, 1946; Helen Keller, blind and deaf, educator and writer, Easton, Connecticut, 1968.

The submarine HMS Thetis sank off Liverpool with the loss of 99 lives, 1939.

Tomorrow

BIRTHS: Thomas Hardy, novelist and poet, Higher Bockhampton, Dorset, 1840; Jesse Boot, 1st Baron Trent, chemist and philanthropist, Nottingham, 1850; Sir Edward Elgar, Master of the King's Musick 1924-34, Broadheath near Worcester, 1857.

DEATHS: James Douglas, 4th Earl of Morton, regent of Scotland 1572-81, executed, Edinburgh, 1581; Giuseppe Garibaldi, Italian patriot, Caprera, 1882; Sir Redvers Buller, VC, general, Crediton, 1908; Emile Chertier ("Alain"), philosopher, Le Vésinet, France, 1951; Victoria Sackville-West, writer, Sissinghurst Castle, Kent, 1962.

The Gordon "No Popery" riots began in London, lasting a week, 1780. The coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in Westminster Abbey, 1953.

Church news

Appointments

The Rev Graham Amey, Vicar, All Souls, Springwood, to be Vicar, St Nicholas, Wilston (Liverpool).

The Rev John Bettner, Assistant Curate (NSM), Bushey Heath; to be Vicar, Marsh Farm, Luton (St Albans).

The Rev John Bernardi, formerly Chaplain, St George's, Madrid (Europe); to be Vicar, Church of the Ascension, Hanger Hill, and West Twyford St Mary (London).

The Rev Roy Bird, Vicar, Castle Hedingham (Chelmsford); to be Rector, Monks Eleigh w Chelsworth and Brent Eleigh w Milden (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich).

The Rev Jacqueline A Birdsey, Assistant Curate, Egham Hythe, St Paul; to be Assistant Curate, Fleet, All Saints (Guildford).

The Rev Canon Peter H Boutton, Canon Residentiary of Southwell Minster and Diocesan Director of Education (Southwell); to be a Chaplain to HM The Queen.

The Rev John N E Bundock, Vicar, Hindhead, St Albans; to be also Rural Dean of Farnham (Guildford).

The Rev Andrew J Butcher, Team Rector, Cove, St John the Baptist; to be Vicar, Egham Hythe, St Paul (Guildford).

The Rev Frank Cain, Assistant Curate, Christ Church, Aughton; to be Priest-in-Charge, St Clement, Toxteth (Liverpool).

The Rev John M P Caldicott, Vicar, Christ Church, Forest Hill, and Priest-in-Charge, St Paul, Forest Hill (Southwark); to be Vicar, All Saints, Hove, and Priest-in-Charge, St John the Baptist, Hove (Chichester).

The Rev Andrew Clarke, teacher of religious studies at Huddersfield Comprehensive School; to be Assistant Curate (NSM), St Margaret's, Thornbury (Bradford).

The Rev Barry Conaway, Curate, Ross Team Ministry; to be the Incumbent, Bishop's Frome, Castle Frome, and Frome's Hill, and Priest-in-Charge, Acton Beauchamp and Evesbatch (Hereford).

The Rev Audrey Day, Parish Deacon in the Bilsdenhall Team Ministry; to be Bishop's Officer on Care for the Elderly, and permission to officiate (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich).

The Rev Leonard W Doolan, Rector, Wootton, Glympton and Kiddington (Oxford); to be Team Rector, Halesworth Team Ministry (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich).

The Rev John W Drew, Priest-in-Charge, Ufford, Hasketon and Bredfield; to be Rector, Ufford, Hasketon and Bredfield (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich).

The Rev Eric Edmunds, Assistant Curate (NSM), Brewood; to be also Chaplain, Royal Wolverhampton School (Lichfield).

The Rev Steven R J French, Curate (Team Vicar designate), Chell Team Ministry; to be Team Vicar, Chell Team Ministry (Lichfield).

The Rev Nigel Griffin, Vicar, Whitworth w St Paul, Spennymoor (Durham); to be Rector, St John on Bethnal Green (London).

The Rev Stephen J A Groves, Curate, Church of the Resurrection, Brighton Team Ministry; to be Curate, Christ Church and St Mary Magdalen, St Leonard's on Sea (Chichester).

The Rev Dr Moira Hansen, Parish Deacon, Christ Church, Pinchley (London); to be Parish Deacon Broadwater (Chichester).

The Rev Malcolm S King, Vicar, Egham Hythe, St Paul; to be Team Rector, Cove, St John the Baptist (Guildford).

The Rev Terry A Martin, Curate, Hangleton; to be Curate, New and Old Shoreham (Chichester).

St Hilda's College, Oxford

St Hilda's College Oxford, are holding a Charity Ball, on Saturday, June 22, 1991, at the College, from 8pm to 6am. Tickets are £140 for double dining and £116 for double non-dining. Contact Alison Moore, St Hilda's College, Oxford. Ticket line (Telephone): 0865-276846.

OBITUARIES

WILFRID ROBERTS

Wilfrid Hubert Wace Roberts, Liberal MP for North Cumberland from 1935 to 1950, died on May 26 aged 90. He was born on August 28, 1900.



WILFRID Roberts, although normally a quiet speaker in both public and private life, was a powerful voice against the growth of fascism and the policy of appeasement in the 1930s. As a Liberal MP he shared platforms with socialists, communists and even dissident Tories such as the Duchess of Atholl to rally support for the republicans during the Spanish civil war and he was one of the first to back the idea of a popular front — a coalition of anti-fascist politicians — in the hope of deterring the Nazis and preventing war.

Roberts was a cradle Liberal. His father, Charles Roberts, a Cumberland landowner, was a junior minister for Asquith and one grandmother, the formidable Duchess of Carlisle, known as "Radical Rosalind", was a notable Gladstone supporter. The hardest decision of Roberts's life, therefore, was to leave the party of his family to which he had devoted so much of his career. In 1956, however, he made the break and joined Labour. He had disliked the Tory-Liberal pact in some constituencies in the early 1950s and he had come to dislike even more the tendency of his party to vote with the Conservatives in the House. Dingle Foot and Megan Lloyd George, who left the party at the same time, soon obtained winnable Labour seats but Roberts only managed to be chosen for a cast iron conservative constituency. He predictably failed to win the seat at the 1959 general election and never fought again.

He was born in the splendour of Castle Howard at the insistence of his grandmother, the wife of George Howard, the 9th Earl of Carlisle, but his upbringing was sqirearchichal rather than aristocratic. After his education at Gresham's and Balliol College, Oxford, he spent the next decade farming the family land and throughout his life regarded himself primarily as a Cumberland farmer. He came to active politics comparatively late, fighting and losing North Cumberland in 1931 and winning it four years later. He did not enter the House, therefore, until he was 35 but this came as a result of a famous victory as the seat had not been won by the Liberals since their great landslide in 1906. Roberts soon became known as a leading critic of the Nazis and visits to Germany only strengthened his views and fears. He was equally opposed to Italian fascism and, as a strong League of Nations man, he had been particularly dismayed by Britain's failure to take action over the invasion of Abyssinia.

But it was Spain which really seized his emotions. He went there during the civil war and returned to plead for arms for the republicans and continued recognition for their government. He urged their cause in the House and at large meetings up and down the country. He was a leader of the national all-party committee for Spanish relief and was one of those responsible for shipping thousands of Basque children to Southampton after the fall of Bilbao. When the war he had predicted eventually broke out he served for a time as parliamentary private secretary to his party leader, Sir Archibald Sinclair, then Secretary of State for Air.

But farming, as always, was his abiding interest. It was a subject on which he made a reputation as a broadcaster and on which he helped to formulate Liberal policy. He continued to farm in Cumberland until only a few years ago. It was as well that he had this other side to his life for in 1950 he lost his seat. In 1935 and again in 1945 his majority was only in three figures and in 1950, with the tide running against the Liberals, he lost what had become the Penrith and the Border constituency by nearly 9,000. In 1959, at his last campaign and his first for Labour, he lost at Conservative Hexham by more than 10,000. However this was not the end of his political life. He served on Carlisle City Council, opposed nuclear bombs through CND with all the conviction of his old anti-fascist activities and when his wife Kate stood against Willie Whitelaw in Roberts's old seat in 1964 and 1966 he acted as her agent. He retained his zest for politics until his final days.

In 1923 he married Margaret Jennings, but she died in 1924 and four years later he married her sister Anne. This marriage was dissolved in 1957 and he later married Kate Sawyer. She survives him, together with one daughter from his first marriage and two from his second.

ZDZISLAW RUSZKOWSKI

Zdzislaw Ruszkowski, artist, died on May 18 aged 84. He was born on February 5, 1907.

ZDZISLAW Ruszkowski had the intellect and strength of purpose to pursue his own path in painting, ignoring the many changing fashions in art that have occurred since the war. Out of a commonplace theme he could always extract an unexpected harmony of colour to make it surprising and distinctive.

Although charming and witty he was never happier than when left alone to paint. Because of this discipline he never made himself a social figure or acquired advantages by cultivating the friendship of the influential to enhance his own reputation.

Zdzislaw Ruszkowski was born in Tomaszov, Poland. His father was a professional artist and art teacher. From an early age and long before he could write Ruszkowski filled his days by drawing. In 1924 he entered the Cracow Art Academy where he stayed until 1929 when he was called up for military service. In 1930 he moved to Warsaw where he was greatly influenced by Van Gogh. In 1934 his father died unexpectedly and the following year with a small legacy Ruszkowski travelled to Paris where he fell under the influence of Cézanne.

Though short of money he decided to remain in Paris. Fortunately he sold a painting for 500 francs which enabled him to pay three months' rent in advance for a studio in Montparnasse. With hardly any money for fuel or food and with winter approaching he took his mind off hunger and cold by painting as much as possible. By 1938 he was better off financially and had exhibited at the Bernheim Jeune Gallery, Paris, as well as having work accepted at the Warsaw Salon. In 1939 his friend the artist Marquet got a grant for him from the French government.

When war broke out he joined the Polish army based in France. As the Germans advanced towards Brittany where his regiment was stationed Ruszkowski escaped to Spain by walking across the Pyrenees. From Spain via Portugal and Gibraltar he arrived in Scotland in 1940. His illustrations depicting his adventures were used by Michael Simonow in his book *Unofficial War Artist*, published in 1985. In 1941 while in the army in Scotland he met and married Jennifer McCormack. They had two children. In 1944 the family returned to London, where Jennifer lived, and Ruszkowski resumed painting, while she took a job with the BBC.

Away from France and the influence of Cézanne, which had almost extinguished his personal vision, a transformation began in Ruszkowski's work. Rather than painting directly from nature he began to look beyond the obvious reality and concentrate on mood and feeling, creating a souvenir of nature rather than a realistic statement.

Between 1948 and 1957 he had six one-man exhibitions at the Roland, Browse and Delbanco Gallery. In this period he met his two main patrons, Tom Laughton and Maurice Ash, who gave him moral and financial support at a time when Ruszkowski's work was out of fashion and difficult to sell. In 1960 he moved to the Leicester Galleries where he exhibited frequently until they closed in 1972.

Ruszkowski visited Greece, Cyprus, Italy, Spain and France and spent most summers at his cottage in Lyme Regis working on ideas inspired by these travels. He had several major retrospectives, most notably at Leeds Art Gallery (1966), Dartington (1968), the Gillian Jason Gallery (1986) and Middlesbrough Art Gallery in 1978, 1989 and 1990. His work has appeared in numerous group exhibitions not least at the Tate Gallery, the Royal Academy, Wildenstein and elsewhere. A catalogue raisonné charting his paintings from 1920 to 1986, written by his friend and patron, Michael Simonow, was published in 1987.

He leaves his widow, Jennifer, a daughter and a son.

JIMMY HORROCKS

Jimmy Horrocks, MBE, journalist and former secretary-manager of the Press Club, died on May 26 aged 82. He was born on April 20, 1909.

JAMES Hall Horrocks — Jimmy to one and all — was never outshone at any convivial gathering of Fleet Street men with his anecdotes of the rich and famous whom he had courted while news hunting for the William Hickey column in Lord Beaverbrook's *Daily Express*. Lancastrian by birth, extrovert and bon vivant by nature, Horrocks revelled in the company of politicans, diplomats, musicians, authors and all the public figures who satisfied the craving for bright diary journalism in the 1950s and 1960s.

After Manchester Grammar School Horrocks learned his trade the hard way on the *Leigh Chronicle*; for instance the big brass plate on the front door had to be kept polished. One day a former master saw him wheeling a hand cart loaded with books to the town hall: "Horrocks, this is not the way to become editor of the *Manchester Guardian*," he admonished. The 16-year-old lad replied: "Have patience, sir, you don't just walk into the *Guardian*". Soon Horrocks was a stringer, sending police, court and rugby league reports to that newspaper.

Later he moved to Withy Grove, the home of many of the newspapers which made Manchester the country's largest newspaper production centre after Fleet Street, to work for the *Daily Dispatch* and others in the Allied Newspapers Group. A passion for music began a lasting association with the great musicians who performed in the city. At Free Trade Hall concerts he began acquaintance with such as Beecham and Heifetz; Dame Eva Turner was a lifelong friend.

In his twenties Horrocks transferred to the group's Grays Inn Road offices in London where his accurate, 200-words-per-minute shorthand was used among other things to report ministerial speeches, parliamentary debates, trials and such occasions as Neville Chamberlain announcing from Downing Street that we were at war with Germany as well as Churchill's speeches and broadcasts.

Horrocks was commissioned into the Royal Artillery and saw service in West Africa before being sent to India and then Burma. After a spell in hospital following a long forced march he was taken onto the staff of the director of public relations, South-East Asia, to look after a small army of war correspondents. He parachuted into Singapore as the Japanese evacuated.

Horrocks had a cable from Ian Fleming, at that time in charge of foreign news for *The Sunday Times* and Kemsley Newspapers as the group was now styled, offering him on demobilisation the post of roving correspondent for the Far East based in Singapore. He stayed there for five years, covering war crimes trials among other things.

Back in London Horrocks filled several posts for Kemsley and contributed to the "inside information" feature of the *Daily Sketch* and the Atticus column of *The Sunday Times*. This brought him to the notice of Arthur Christiansen, editor of the *Daily Express*, who in the bar of the old Press Club in Salisbury Square offered him a post on that paper. There he stayed until 1964 when he became secretary-manager of the Press Club — a position which in his five years there gave scope for his wide circle of contacts and organising ability. He brought many eminent speakers to club functions, Barbirolli an old friend celebrated his 70th birthday at a dinner given by the club.



For many years Horrocks organised and conducted tours for Press Club members and their wives, taking them to the United States three times, Canada, the Far East and Egypt. Touring Press Club journalists conveniently found themselves situated in Amman when the Six Day War started. On another occasion the Shah of Iran gave the party a press conference at his palace in Tehran. Horrocks's work in and for Fleet Street earned him appointment as MBE in 1976.

As a member of the MCC Horrocks was a familiar figure at Lord's and was a keen supporter of Middlesex and Lancashire. His Fleet Street connections included serving as a guildsman at St Bride's church. In recent times, with walking problems and sometimes near blindness which involved a number of painful eye operations, he won admiration for his cheerful courage in continuing many activities.

He is survived by his wife, Margot.

Service dinners

Royal Hong Kong Regiment
The United Kingdom branch of the Royal Hong Kong Regiment (The Volunteers) Association held their annual dinner at the Cavalry and Guards Club. Lieutenant-Colonel J.W. Bell, branch chairman, presided.

St Barbara Association
Admiral of the Fleet Lord Hill-Norton was the guest of honour at a reunion dinner of the St Barbara Association held last night in HMS Nelson to mark the centenary of the commissioning of the Royal Navy's gunnery school, HMS Excellent, on Whale Island. Admiral Sir Jeremy Black presided. Admiral of the Fleet Sir Michael Pollock and Admiral Sir Julian Oswald, First Sea Lord and Chief of Naval Staff, were among others present.

Luncheon

HM Government
Field Marshal Sir Richard Vincent, Chief of the Defence Staff, was host at a luncheon given by Her Majesty's Government yesterday at the Ministry of Defence in honour of Amiral J.R.P.M. Lanxade, Chef d'Etat-Major des Armees, France.

Memorial Service

Julian Martin Smith
A memorial service for Julian Martin Smith was held on May 24 in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks. The Rev J.A. Barrie officiated and the Rev Malcolm Hart Richardson read the prayers. Mr T.C. Harvey read from Plato's *Phaedo*, Mr Andrew Martin Smith, son, read the lesson, and Mr Jonathan Martin Smith, son, read a prayer by Cardinal Newman. Mr J.A. Floyd gave an address.

Service of Thanksgiving

Professor Otto Skutsch
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Professor Otto Skutsch was held yesterday at the University Church of Christ the King. The address was given by Professor E.W. Handley and Professor M.M. Willcock and Dr Michael Coffey read the lessons. The Rev Andrew Pavlibeyi, Chaplain to University College, London, officiated. Among those present were:
Mrs Gillian Skutsch (Widow), Miss Annelise Skutsch (sister), Mr Tony and Mrs Elizabeth Waterston, Mr Michael and Mrs Margaret McCall (sons-in-law and daughters), Mr John Skutsch (son), Mrs Catharine Thomas (daughter), Lady Stewart (mother-in-law), Mr and Mrs C Thompson (sister-in-law), and widely represented academic friends and colleagues.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr C.D. Avis
and Miss L. Parry
The engagement is announced between Charles, only son of Mr and Mrs A. Avis, of Ilkley, West Yorkshire, and Linda, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs G. Parry, of Harrogate, North Yorkshire.

Mr P.J. Elliott
and Miss M.A. Hall
The engagement is announced between Paul John, only son of Mr and Mrs J. Elliott, of Ruislip Manor, Middlesex, and Mary Alison, younger daughter of Mr J.P. Hall, OBE, of Danbury, Essex, and the late Mrs R.E. Hall.

Mr M.H. Feltham
and Miss T.R.M. Howard
The engagement is announced between Mark, younger son of Mr and Mrs John Feltham, of Woodstock, Oxfordshire, and Teres, eldest daughter of the late Mr Leonard Higginson, of Liverpool, and Mrs R. Howard, of Rhyl, North Wales.

Mr N.R. Fielder
and Miss D.M. Boscawen
The engagement is announced between Nigel, son of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Fielder, of Wells, Somerset, and Diana, daughter of Mr and Mrs James Boscawen, of Aberfeldy, Perthshire.

Mr B.H. Fraser
and the Hon Lucy Roper-Curzon
The engagement is announced between Benjamin, son of the late Sir Hugh Fraser, MBE, MP, and of Lady Antonia Pinter, and Lucy, daughter of Lord and Lady Teynham.

Mr C. Jamison
and Miss M.M. Fisher
The engagement is announced between Colin, elder son of Mr and Mrs Harold Jamison, of Woodford Green, Essex, and Miranda Mary, only daughter of Dr Jeremy Fisher of Fareham, Hampshire, and Dr Judith Fisher, of London, E4.

Mr N.P. Micklethwaite
and Miss S.C. Molloy
The engagement is announced between Neil, younger son of Mr and Mrs J. Micklethwaite, of Lostwithiel, Cornwall, and Sarah, daughter of Mr and Mrs C.A. Molloy, of Bayswater, London.

Mr M.R. Oakley
and Miss R.E. Fernyhough
The engagement is announced and the marriage will take place on October 26, of Mark Roald, only son of Mrs Madeleine Oakley and the late Mr Denis Oakley, of Swingfield, Kent, and Rosalind Elizabeth, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Derek Fernyhough, of Birchington-on-Sea, Kent.

Mr D.M. Taylor
and Miss C.M. Carolan
The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs R.F. Taylor, of Earlsdon, Coventry, and Clare, daughter of Dr and Mrs E.G. Carolan, of Edgbaston, Birmingham.

Mr C.A. Vaughan
and Miss G.M. Robertson
The engagement is announced between Christopher, elder son of Mr and Mrs Alan Vaughan, of Hawkhurst, Kent, and Gillian, daughter of Mr Malcolm Robertson and the late Mrs Robertson, of Poynton, Manchester.

Mr R.D. Walton
and Miss A.A. Galanter
The engagement is announced between Roland, youngest son of Mr John Walton, of Radlett, Hertfordshire, and of Mrs A. D'Exea Walton, of Cambridge, and Alicia, eldest daughter of Professor and Mrs Eugene Galanter, of New York.

Lieutenant-Colonel
Welby-Everard
and Mrs M.L. Laird-Craig
The engagement is announced between Hugh, younger son of Major-General Sir Christopher and Lady Welby-Everard, of the Manor House, Sapperton, Sleaford, Lincolnshire, and Miranda, only daughter of Sir Bruno and Lady Welby, of Denton Manor, Grantham, Lincolnshire.

The Rev Andrew P.B. White
and Miss C. Spreckley
The engagement is announced between Andrew, eldest son of Mr and Mrs M.D. White, of Upper Belvedere, Kent, and Caroline, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs P.H. Spreckley, of Woodmans Green Farm, Linch, Hampshire.

Lieutenant T.J.L.
Williamson, RN
and Miss C.E. Newlove
The engagement is announced between Toby, younger son of Mr and Mrs John Williamson, of Beechmount, Bridge, Canterbury, and Claire, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Barry Newlove, of Cedars, Merrow, Guildford.

Marriages

Mr J.H.S. Akerman
and Miss V.B. Arthur
The marriage took place on Saturday, May 25, at St Bartholomew's Church, Burwash, Sussex, of Hugo, eldest son of Mr and Mrs John Akerman, and Valentine Bridget, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Thomas Arthur. The Reverend Frederick Lanham officiated and Mr Stephen Leason was best man. The bride was attended by Miss Anna Carr, Clementine Wigley, Georgina Pownall, Jack Nunn and Francis Kenny. The reception was held at the Glebe House, Burwash.

Mr C.D.F. Mills
and Miss F.R.G. Sanders-Rose
The marriage took place on Saturday, May 25, at the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Stratfield Mortimer, of Mr Christopher Mills, son of Mr and Mrs John Mills, of Leigh-on-Sea, Essex, and Miss Francesca Sanders-Rose, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Sanders-Rose of Rose Court, Sulhamstead, Berkshire. The service was conducted by the Rev Michael Watts, assisted by the Rev Charles Wells.

The bride who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Nicola and Peter Gordon-Finlayson, Katherine Nicholson, Claire Wilson and Miss Sarah McClure. Mr Timothy Steele was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon will be spent in Kenya.

Mr L. White
and Miss J. Hill
The marriage took place on May 1, 1991, in Discovery Bay, Barbados, between Lance, beloved son of Mr and Mrs Derek White, and Joanne, daughter of Mrs O. Hill, of Seattle, USA.

Lecture

Wolfson College, Oxford
Sir Isaiah Berlin was the guest of honour at a guest night at Wolfson College, Oxford, on May 30, 1991. Sir Raymond Hoffenberg, president of the college, was in the chair and among the guests was Professor Stephen Jay Gould, of Harvard University, who gave the inaugural Isaiah Berlin Lecture.

University news

Oxford
JESUS
Election
To an Official Fellowship in Geography from October 1: Patricia Daley.

Newcastle
Degree of Doctor of Philosophy
The following candidates have satisfied the examiners:
Bryn Jones, Michael Stoker (Faculty of Science); Ann Scott (Faculty of Medicine); Abdelghani Ansel (Faculty of Social and Environmental Science).

Degree of Master of Science
Alexander Irvine (Faculty of Social and Environmental Sciences).

Faculty of Education: Certificate in Counselling
The following candidates have satisfied the examiners: Margaret Allsop, Elaine Armstrong, Anne Barnes, Andrew Calicott, Mary Dodd, Jutta Hepworth, Diane Howard, Judith Jude, Patricia Macdonald, Bernadette Rees, Richard Park, Mallory Smith, Ian Thurman, Frances Walton.

School news

Marlborough College

Scholarships and Exhibitions

The College announces the following awards for September 1991.

A. Sixth Form Awards

Academic Scholarships: Thomas Ap Rhys Pryce, Marlborough College and Milbourne Lodge. Duke: Jacqueline Phillips (Medawar Scholarship). National Cathedral School, Washington, USA; Neil Trafford (Bullock and Church Scholarships). The Ridgeway School. Wroughton: Alexander Young, Marlborough College and Arnold Lodge, Leamington Spa. Academic Exhibitions: Sophie Boreham (and Music Scholarship), Derby High School; Esta Bovill, Marvel (Convent, Stanninghill, Ascot; Thomas Broadhurst, Marlborough College and Dragon School, Oxford; George Dews, Marlborough College and Hillstone, Malvern; Mark Haskell, Marlborough College and Lambrook, Blackmore Lewis Pyman, Ipswich High School, Ipswich.
Art Scholarships: Emily Sharp (and Music Scholarship), The Heathland School, Hounslow; Sarah Sullivan, St Albert's Girls' School.
Music Scholarship: Amanda Tse, St Stephen's Girl's College, Hong Kong.

B. Junior Awards

Academic Scholarships: Oliver Bevan (George Abell Scholarship), Hillstone School, Malvern; Amy Constable (Save and Prosper Design and Technology Scholarship), Charters School, Sunningdale, Berkshire; Jonathan Foy (Steele Scholarship), Windlesham House, Washington, Pulborough; Stephen Hodsdon, Marlborough College and Port Regis, Shaftesbury; Laura James, St Andrew's School, Pangbourne.
Academic Exhibitions: Siobhan MacCarthy, Marlborough College and Wimbledon High School, London; Alexandrina Martin, Repton Preparatory School, Foremarke Hall, Derby; Tamsin Savage, Dragon School, Oxford; Holly Slocombe, Dragon School, Oxford.
Art Scholarship: Matthew Jasinski, Monkton Combe Junior School, Bath.
Music Scholarships: Gabriel Burchell, Salisbury Cathedral School; Lucy Hales-Tooke, Aberlour House, Banffshire; James Holden-Storey, Prebendal School, Chichester; Kirsty Lindsay-Carman, The Downs School, Colwall, Malvern; Rebecca Stone, The Lady Eleanor Holles School, Middlesex; Jonathan Travers, King's College School, Cambridge.

Rugby School

Scholarships, 1991

Upper School
Music: Meg Bryson, Birkenhead High School; Helen Casson, Prestales School; Charlotte Davies, Rugby High School; Leslie Hollingworth, Wyke Manor School.
Academic: Antonia Barnes, King Edward's High School; Philip Bass, Seaford College; Sarah McCarthy, Sion Convent; Stephen Nosowski, Princethorpe College; Rachel Seabrook, Monkton Combe School; Kirsty Swan, Henry Smith School; Amelia Terode, South Hampstead High School; Eleanor Wason, Benenden School; Lucy Wills, Rugby High School; Claire Woolcock, Oxford High School.

Lower School
Music: Dakus Gunn, Maryville Middle School, Tempsford; James Watts, Cheltenham College Junior School; Anthony Lawson, St Edmunds, Caversham.
Academic: Guy Adams, Abberley Hall, Worcester; Simon Beazley, Packwood Haugh; Nicholas Colvin, Spittlegate; John Edwards, Gayhurst; Andrew Ferguson, Colet Court and Rugby; Brandon Hallam, York House and Harrow; Harry Hill; Harry Procope, Bramcote and Rugby; Kevin Taylaur, St Lawrence Junior School; Alexander Thomson, Bedford Modern.

Wycliffe College, Stonehouse

The following have been awarded scholarships for September, 1991:

Sixth Form: Nicola Hibbert, (Kingshill Comprehensive School, Cirencester), Music Scholarship; Rachel Walker, (St Mildred's Lighbourn School, Ontario), Music Exhibition.
Fourth Form: Duncan Beedle, (Wycliffe College Junior School), Art Exhibition; Luke Boddam-Whetham, (Beaudesert Park School), Academic Exhibition; James Gabbett, (Wycliffe College Junior School), Academic Scholarship; James Gorick, (Christchurch Cathedral School, Oxford), Music Scholarship; Alice Loughrey, (St John's School, Perthcrieff), Music Exhibition; Mark Nesbitt, (Wycliffe College Junior School), Music Scholarship; Louise Marryweather, (Wycliffe College Junior School), Music Exhibition; Daniel Singer, (St John's School, Perthcrieff), Music Exhibition; Edward Thorogood, (Wycliffe College Junior School), Academic Scholarship; Alexander Yates, (Wycliffe College Junior School), Academic Exhibition.

Georgian furniture attracts top prices in house sale

GOOD examples of Georgian furniture prompted keen bidding when the contents of a cliff top house at Mevagissey, Cornwall, were sold for £224,269 yesterday (John Shaw writes).

The sale at the home of the late Ronald Strauss, a retired City financier, was expected by Phillips to raise £120,000 to £130,000. "But the furniture was very good and the sale exceeded all our expectations," said Ronald James, an associate director.

A George II walnut and burr veneered double chair-back settee took the top price of £59,400 (estimate £10,000-£15,000), going to a London buyer.

An American dealer who flew in for the sale bought a George II carved walnut and burr veneered armchair for £53,900 (£10,000-£15,000), and an accompanying pair of George I walnut and burr veneered dining chairs went to a local buyer for £22,000 (£8,000-£12,000).

● Victorian cast iron garden seats were popular in a £833,332 sale of garden statuary, furniture and architectural items at Sotheby's in Billingshurst, West Sussex.

A pair of rare Karron foundry examples made £4,950 (estimate £2,500-£4,000), the top price among more than a hundred seats on offer.

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Church services for tomorrow

First Sunday after Trinity

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.30 M; 11 S Euch, Kent Service (Ferguson). Come my way (Chapple), Rev POC Brett; 3.15 E; Responses (Aylward). Evening service (Chapple), The Spirit of the Lord (Clear); 6.30 Service & Communion, Rev T Pitt, Vicar Eltham with Denton and Wootton.

YORK MINSTER: 8, 8.45 HC; 10 S Euch. Ave verum corpus (Mozart), Spatzenmesse (Mozart); 11.30 M, Coronation Te Deum (Walton); 2 Amnesty International Service; 4 E, Chichester Service (Walton). O Lord, make thy servant Elizabeth (Byrd). Very Rev J Southgate.

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: 8, 11.30 HC; 10.30 M, Te Deum in F (Ireland); Jubilate in B flat (Walton); Ven G Cassidy; 3.15 E, Naylor in A, Where thou reignest (Schubert). Rev N Taylor.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 10 M (St Faith's Chapel); 11 Civic Service, Rabbi H Gryn; 11.15 Abbey Euch (St Margaret's Church), Collegium Regale (Howells), O hearken thou (Clerk), Rev P Ferguson; 5 E, Rev Dr A Harvey; 5.45 Organ Recital; 6.30 ES, Rev P Ferguson.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 HC; 11 Euch, Missa Aeterna Christi munera (Palestrina), Alleluia, I heard a voice (Weelkes), Ave verum corpus (Mozart), Canon P Price; 5 E, Stanford in B flat, Let their celestial concerts all unite (Handel), Ven D Bartles-Smith.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: 7, 8, 9, 12, 5.30, 7 Masses; 10 MP; 10.30 SM, Asperges me (Plainsong), Missa Pange lingua (Josquin), The Lord is my Shepherd (Berkeley), Prelude in E flat major (Bach); 2.30 Organ Recital, 3.30 Solemn V & B, Magnificat primi toni (Lassus), Salvator mundi (Blow), Chant de Paix (Langlais).

ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, Southwark: 8, 6 LM; 10 Children's LM; 11.30 HM, Fr A Harratt.

GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF THE DIVINE WISDOM, Moscow Rd, W2: 9.30 M; 11 Divine Liturgy.

RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF THE DORMITION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD, Ennismore Gdns, SW7: 10.30 Divine Liturgy.

SERBIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF ST SAVVA, Lancaster Rd, W11: 10.30 Divine Liturgy.

THE CHAPEL ROYAL, St. James's Palace: 8.30 HC; 11.15 S Euch, Stanford in B flat, Canon E A James.

QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY, WC2: 11 S Euch, Stanford in G, Rev J Robson (Public Welcome).

ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL, Greenwich, SE10: 8.30 HC; 11 M, Byrd & Bairstow, If ye love me (Tallis), Hearken unto the cry (Clarke), The Chaplain.

GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks, SW1: 11 Choral HC, If ye love me (Tallis), Missa Brevis (Mozart), Panis Angelicus (Franck), Rev R W Stevens.

GRAY'S INN CHAPEL: 8.30 HC, Canon E James.

LINCOLN'S INN CHAPEL: No service - services resume Sunday, June 16.

TOWER OF LONDON, EC3: 11 M, Responses (Gibbons), Te Deum (chant), Stanford in B, Ubi Caritas (Durufle), Rev R D Gould.

TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street, EC4: 8.30 HC; 11.15 MP, Responses (Aylward), Te Deum Laudamus (Thatten Ball), Jubilate Deo (Thalben Ball), Sacrifice unto the Lord (Wesley), The Master.

ST CLEMENT DANES (RAF Church) WC2: 9 HC; 11 Choral Euch, Rev A T R Goode.

CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace: 11 Choral Euch, Balfstow in E flat, He that hath my commandments (Mundy); 3.30 E, Gloria tibi Domine (Byrd), Wood in E, Lord thou hast been our refuge (Walond).

ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: 11 Sung Euch, Rev Canon P Delaney.

ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, W1: 8, 8.15 LM; 11 HM, Missa Papae Marcelli (Palestrina), O Thou the central orb (Wood), Rev P McGeary; 6 E & B, Stanford in A, Give unto the Lord (Elgar), The Vicar.

ALL SOULS, Langham Place, W1: 11 Preb R Bewes; 6.30 Rev Dr J Stott.

CHELSEA OLD CHURCH, Cheyne Walk, SW3: 8, 11 HC, Rev J H L Cross, 10 Children's Service; 6 E, Preb C E L Thomson.

CHRIST CHURCH, CHELSEA, SW3: 8 HC; 11 S Euch, Rev J Browning.

GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street: 8.15 HC; 11 S Euch, Missa Brevis in F (Mozart), Ave verum corpus (Mozart), Fantasia in G (Bach), Rev A W Marks.

HOLY TRINITY, Brompton Road, SW7: 10.30 Family Service, Mr Michael Coates; 6.30 Informal Service, Mr Jeremy Jennings.

HOLY TRINITY, Prince Consort Road, SW7: 8.30 HC; 11 Choral HC, Rev Dr M Israel.

HOLY TRINITY, Sloane Street, SW1: 8.45 HC; 11 S Euch, Rev K L Yates.

ST ALBAN'S, Brooke St, EC1: 9.30 SM; 11 HM, Mass in 10 (Major Shepherd), Sister M Bertile; 6.30 LM.

ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT, Smithfield, EC1: 9 HC; 11 Choral Euch, Missa quarta (Palestrina), O Beata et Gloriosa Trinitas (Palestrina), Rev A Winter; 6.30 E, Noble in B minor, Ave verum (Byrd), Rev Brooke Lewis.

ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street, EC4: 11 Choral Matins & Euch, Jubilate (Britten) in C, Batten short service, Tantum ergo (Duruflé); 6.30 Choral E, Purcell in G minor, Hail gladdening Light (Wood); Canon J Oates

ST GEORGE'S, Bloomsbury, WC1: 10 Parish Communion; 6.30 E.

ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 S Euch, Missa Brevis (Williams), A Hymn to the Trinity (Tchaikovsky), The Rector.

ST GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS, St Giles High St, WC2: 8, 12 HC; 11 MP, Rev G Taylor; 6.30 EP, Rev P Faasch.

ST JAMES'S, Garlickhythe, EC4: 10.30 Sung Euch, Rev John Paul.

ST JAMES', Muswell Hill, N10: 8 HC; 11 MP, Rev J Wood; 6.30 EP.

ST JAMES'S, Piccadilly, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 S Euch, 6.45 EP.

ST JOHN'S, Hyde Park Crescent, W2: 8, 6.30 HC, Rev T Bircheard; 10 Parish Euch with Children's Church, Rev O Rees.

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, Holland Rd, W14: 10 Latin Mass; 11 Solemn Mass & Corpus Christi procession; 6 V & B.

ST JOHN'S WOOD CHURCH, NW8, 8 HC; 9.30 Parish HC; 11 Sung Euch, Mass for Four Voices (Byrd), Secerdotes Domini (Byrd), Rev P Chester.

ST LUKE'S, Chelsea, SW3: 12.15 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Coll's Goodness (Bridge), Ven T Raphael; 6.30 E, Sing we merrily (Batten), Rev S Acland.

ST MARK'S, Regents Park Rd, NW1: 8 HC; 10 Family C; 11 S Euch, Western Wynde (Tavarner), Sing unto the Lord (Tye), Rev J Numata.

ST MARGARET'S, Westminster, SW1: 11.15 Abbey Euch, Collegium Regale (Howells), O hearken thou (Elgar), Rev P Ferguson.

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 8, 12.30, 7.30 HC; 9.45 Euch, St Martin's Service (Stringer), Let all mortal flesh keep silence (Bairstow), O taste and see (V Williams), The Vicar; 11.30 Visitors Service, Mississippi College Concert Choir of USA, Santus & Benedictus (Villoria), Gloria Patri (Weiss), 2.45 Chinese service (HC), Rev Gilbert Lee; 5.00 E, Collegium Regale (Howells), Let all the world in every corner sing (V Williams) Rev Martin Henwood.

ST MARY ABBOTS, Kensington, W8: 8, 12.30 HC; 9.30 S Euch; 11.15 M; 6.30 E.

ST MARY'S, Bourne Street, SW1: 9, 9.45, 7.45 LM; 11 HM, Missa in honorem Ss. Trinitatis (Mozart), Sancta Maria (Mozart), Ave maris stella (Monteverdi), Fr W Scott; 5.15 Solemn E, Procession of the Blessed Sacrament & Solemn Benediction, Responses (Tomkins), Evening Canticles in G minor (Purcell), Salve Regina (Villette), Ave verum corpus (Byrd), Fr J Ford.

ST MARYLEBONE, Marylebone Road, W1: 8 HC; 11 S Euch, Missa Simile est Regnum Coelorum (Victoria), O Lord, give Thy Holy Spirit (Tallis); 6.30 Ministry of Healing, Rev Canon G James.

ST MARY-LE-STRAND (WRNS Church), Strand WC2: 11 Sung Communion, Rev O Clarke.

ST MATTHEW'S, Great Peter St, Westminster, SW1: 8, 6.30 LM; 10 SM, Rev Robin Crawford.

ST MICHAEL'S, Chester Square, SW1: 8.15 HC, 11 MP, 7 ES & HC, Rev DCL Prior.

ST MICHAEL'S, Cornhill, EC3: 11 Choral Euch, Behold now, praise the Lord (Howard-Harwood in A flat, This sanctuary of my soul (Wood).

ST PAUL'S, Onslow Square, SW7: 10.30 Family service, Rev M Lee; 6.30 Informal ES, Rev T Gillum.

ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, SW1: 8, 9 HC, 11 Solemn Euch, Missa Papae Marcelli (Palestrina), Deus in nomine (Handel), Tantum ergo sacramentum (Duruflé), Rev H Ruschmeyer.

ST PETER'S, Eaton Square, SW1: 8.15 HC, 10 Family Mass, 11 SM, Missa Sancti Nicolai (Haydn), Hymn of the Cherubim (Rachmaninov).

ST SIMON ZELOTES, Milner Street, SW3: 8 HC, 11 MP, Britten in D, Hymn of the Cherubim (Rachmaninov); 6.30 E, Responses (Smith), Kelly in C, Where Thou reignest (Schubert), Rev G James.

ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road, SW7: 8, 9 LM, 11 SM, Missa Liturgica (Harrison), Tantum ergo (Duruflé), sacrum convivium (Byrd), Canon C Hill; 6 Solemn E&B, Fr C Colven.

ST VEDAST, Foster Lane, EC2: 11 SM, The Rector.

THE ANNUNCIATION, Bryanston Street, W1: 11 SM, B & Euch, Missa sine Cherubim (Gounod), Panis Angelicus (Saint-Saens), O salutaris hostia (Massenet), Tantum ergo (Viozzi), 6 LM & B.

ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Pont Street, SW1: 11 Rev J McIndoe, 6.30 Songs of Praise.

CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Covent Garden, WC2: 11.15, 6.30 HC, Rev H Ross.

THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, W1: 11, Missa alias nomine (Heredia), O praise the Lord (Batten), Tantum ergo in B flat (Bruckner).

CHURCH OF OUR LADY, Lisson Grove, St John's Wood: 10.45 Sung Mass.

FARM STREET, W1: 7.30, 8.30, 10, 12.15, 4.15, 6.15 LM; 11 HM, Missa Joseph (Albrechtsberger), In hac mensa (Mendelssohn), Pace nos (Dubois)

THE ORATORY, Brompton Road, SW7: 7, 8, 9, 10.30, 12.30, 7 Masses; 10 V & B.

ST ETHELDREDA'S, Ely Place, EC1: 11 Sung Mass, Spetzen-Messe & Ave verum (Mozart), Jote et Gaude (Mesplaum).

ST MARY'S, Cadogan Street, SW3: 8.30, 10, 11 M, Mass in honour (Casciolini), Ave Maris (Abt), Ave Verum (Byrd), 12.15, 6.30 M.

AMERICAN CHURCH IN LONDON, Tottenham Court Rd, W1: 11 Rev Ron F Allison.

CITY TEMPLE, Holborn, EC1: 10.30, Mr Mario Angelides.

CHELSEA METHODIST CHURCH, King's Road, SW3: 11 HC, Rev M Braddy & Mrs Bird; 6 ES, Mr G Franklin & Miss Akehowale

HINDE STREET METHODIST CHURCH, W1: 11 Rev P Hoar; 6.30 Rev M Rothwell.

KENSINGTON TEMPLE, (Charismatic), Notting Hill Gate, W11: 9 Communion, Wynne Lewis; 11 Celebration, Wynne Lewis; 2.30 Baptism; 6.30 Healing service, Colin Dye; 9 Club night, David Grant

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SALVATION ARMY (Regent Hall), Oxford St W1: 11, 6.30, Major Colin Hunt.

ST ANDREW'S URC, Frognal Lane NW3: 11, Rev Dr P Morgan.

ST ANNE AND ST AGNES (Lutheran), Gresham St, EC2: 11 Choral HC, Rev F Lawson; 7 Choral Mass, Missa in G (A Caldara), Trio sonata in D (Lecosaldi), Rev R England.

ST JOHN'S WOOD URC, Lords Roundabout, NW8: 11, Rev W C McCrorie

WESLEY'S CHAPEL, City Road, EC2: 9.45 HC, 11 MS, Rev Paul Hulme.

WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL (Methodist), SW1: 11, Mrs Cynthia Tudor; 6.30, Rev Dr R J Tudor.

WESTMINSTER CHAPEL, Buckingham Gate, SW1: 11, 6.30 Rev Dr R T Kendall.

WESTMINSTER MEETING SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (Quakers), 52 St Martins La WC2: 11, Meeting for worship.

Everyone will hate you because of me (said Jesus) but whoever holds out to the end will be saved.
St. Matthew 10:22 GNB

BIRTHS

BANNERMAN - On May 17th 1991, to Isabel (née Eustace) and Julian, a son, Rex Hugh Selby.

CLARKE - On May 9th, to Denise Foudy-Clarke and Patrick, a daughter, Catherine, a sister for Jamie.

FISHER - On May 9th, to Carolyn (née Hunt) and Tim, a son, Toby William.

GOODWIN - On May 25th 1991, to Margaret (née Summerfield) and Richard, a daughter, Isabel Margaret.

HOLT - On Wednesday May 29th, to Jonathan and Sasha (née Chapple), a son, Christopher.

MABEY - On May 31st, to Simon and Carolyn Mabey, a daughter, Elizabeth Clare.

McEWEN - On May 10th, at The Princess Margaret Hospital, Swindon, to Ali (née Mount-Stephens) and Bobby, a son, Thomas.

NASH - On May 30th, to Kate (née Erringer) and Jonathan, a son, Thomas Paul.

ORME - On May 26th 1991, to Sally (née Henderson) and Nicholas, a son, Samuel Alexander.

RICHARDSON - On May 29th 1991, to Gigi (née Morris) and Charles, a son, a brother for Jessica.

SAVILLE SMITH - On May 21st, in Montreal, to Catriona (née Fraser) and Colin, a son, Cameron.

SAVUNDRA - On May 20th, at the Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford, to Fiona (née Pearson) and Peter, a son, James Peter.

WARNER - On May 30th 1991, to Jenny (née Inman) and Michael, a son, David.

WOOLF - On May 18th, to Jill (née McManners) and Douglas, a son, Thomas Alexander, a brother for Alexander Thomas. All thanks to staff at Queen Charlotte's.

YOUNG - On May 27th, to Bénédicte (née Fournier) and Edward, a daughter, Sophie, a sister for Christopher.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

ROBSON-GOODFELLOW - On June 1st 1941, Bill and Rene. Congratulations on your 50th Wedding Anniversary. Lots of love Sandy, Julie and Emma.

WILLIAMS-WALTERS - The Reverend Roger to Molly, married at Kenwyn Church, Truro, 2nd June 1941. Deo Gratias.

DEATHS

CAULFIELD - On May 29th, quietly in hospital, Miss E.W. (Nurse-Pooh). Funeral, 1 pm on Tuesday June 4th at Preston Crematorium, Longridge Road, Lancs. No flowers. Enquiries: (0590) 672130.

COLERIDGE - On May 30th 1991, suddenly after a short illness, Barnard (Jimmy), aged 72 years. Most beloved husband of Jane and father of Susan, Paul and Lucy and loving grandfather. Funeral Service on Friday June 7th, 11 am at All Saints Church, Lower Common South, Putney Common, London SW15. Family flowers only please, otherwise donations to Friends of St Heller Hospital, Carshalton, Surrey.

CORKINDALE - On May 25th, peacefully, Alice Corkindale (Corky/Mainty) aged 93. Requiem Mass 3.30pm June 7th at Nazareth House, Isleworth. No flowers.

della CASA - At the end of March, Nicholas Guy Charles aged 30, killed in Northern Iraq. Husband of Rossanna (née Curling), who is still missing in Iraq. Private family funeral service. There will be a joint Memorial Service for Nicholas and Charles Maxwell, his brother-in-law, at a later date.

HAYCOCK - On May 30th 1991, suddenly but peacefully, Peter Bertram, of Newton Peverll Manor, Sturminster Marshall, Dorset. Dearest and most beloved husband of Betty and much loved father of Robin, Christopher and William. Funeral and Thanksgiving Service at St Mary's Church, Sturminster Marshall, on Thursday June 6th 1991 at 3 pm. Family flowers only please but donations if desired for Help the Aged c/o Charles Small & Son Funeral Directors, 18 West St., Wimborne, Dorset.

JOYCE - On May 29th 1991, peacefully in hospital, Carol of Sidbury, aged 74 years. Beloved wife of the late Wilfred, loving mother of Michael, John and Richard and devoted grandmother. Cremation at Exeter on Wednesday June 5th at 11.45 am. Flowers to Pottury's Chapel of Rest, Sidmouth please.

KITCHIN - On May 15th, at Guadalajara, Mexico, Dick, youngest son of Mr and Mrs V.P. Kitchin.

MARDALL - On May 23rd, in Johannesburg, Sophia Anne. Dearly loved mother of Ian and Susan, mother-in-law of Mary and grandmother of James, Nadine, Bill, Andrew and Phillip. The Funeral Service took place in Johannesburg on May 29th with a Memorial Service in Colchester on a date to be announced. No flowers please but donations if desired to Serenity Nursing Home, P.O. Box 2771, Northcliff 2115, South Africa.

MAXWELL - At the end of March, Charles Rupert Hugh aged 38, killed in Northern Iraq. Husband of Alex (née della Casa) and father of Emerald. Private family funeral service. There will be a joint Memorial Service for Charles and Nicholas della Casa, his brother-in-law, at a later date.

MESSER - On May 29th, peacefully at home, after an illness bravely and cheerfully borne, Arthur Mansfield Messer M.C., T.D., A.C.I.S., aged 76. Adored and irreplaceable husband and companion for 48 years of Rosemary, much loved father of Janet and Kay and grandfather of Darren and Richard. Cremation, 2.30 pm, Monday June 3rd, Reading Crematorium. No flowers please but donations, if desired, to Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

PAINTER - On May 23rd, after long and loyal service as Senior Housemistress at The Grove School, Hindhead, Mary, dearly loved sister of Ruth. Funeral at St Luke's, Grayshott, at 4.30 pm on Monday June 3rd.

POWELL - On May 29th, suddenly but peacefully at home in Ickleton, Oxon., Gordon John, FRICS, beloved husband of Joan and loving father and grandfather. Funeral Service at St Kenelm's Church, Enstone, Oxon., on Thursday June 6th at 2 pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, donations if desired to British Heart Foundation c/o Sole & Son, Bideton Close, Over Norton, Oxon OX7 6PP.

SCHOOTEMEIJER - On May 30th 1991, at 30700 La Capelle - Masmaline (Aisne), France, Robertus (Bob) Pieter, aged 70, friend and associate of Paul Hamburg for 45 years, having given his body to the Medical Faculty at Nimes. There will be no funeral.

THOMAS - On May 29th 1991, suddenly but peacefully in hospital after a short illness, Michael Glegge Aubrey, aged 48, dear darling husband of Avril, dearly loved father of Tracy, Miles, Sophie, Edward and Oliver. Service of Thanksgiving to be held at Wiston Church on Tuesday June 4th at 10.30 am, followed by family cremation at Worthing. Flowers c/o A & F Pilbeam Ltd., 81 Underdown Road, Southwick, West Sussex, tel: (0273) 593494. 'The Hunter Home from the Hill'.

IN MEMORIAM – WAR

THE QUEEN'S ROYAL REGIMENT - Remembering all ranks of the 2nd, see Queen's Royal Regiment on this Glorious First of June, their Regimental Day who gave their lives in the Service of their Sovereign, Country and Regiment 1661-1969.

IN MEMORIAM – PRIVATE

EVANS - Sir Hywel, K.C.B., died June 2nd 1988. Lovingly remembered by Jessie, Megan and Alastair. Sadly missed.

SAMHIRY - Naif. In memory of my loving husband who died 4 years ago tomorrow.

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Home from home: Ross Pople and Charlotte Fairbairn

Duet on a pastoral theme

When Ross Pople embarked on realising his dream of a home in the Lake District, he saw it as "a place where I could make music, where young musicians could come and stay for a week or a fortnight and develop their talents in quiet and peace". Six years after its completion, the stone house in the hills near Coniston Water is his retreat from the daily pressures of running an orchestra, touring the world and being a professional musician.

Musicians do come to stay, but they are mainly members of the London Festival Orchestra, of which he is founder, director and conductor. And when the surrounding hills come alive to the sound of music it is generally to the strains of Mr Pople's cello; he disposed of the grand piano because it took up too much room.

He and his friend, Charlotte Fairbairn, who is the daughter of Sir Nicholas Fairbairn, QC, the Conservative MP for Perth and Kinross, escape to the Lake District whenever they can. They met five years ago when Miss Fairbairn helped with the orchestra's administration. Their London home is a three-storey terrace house in Brixton, where reggae music pours out of the neighbouring windows and passing cars. Mr Pople finds the area "marvellously alive and vibrant".

He fell in love with Cumbria when he first went to stay there more than 20 years ago. It has a "certain raggedness", he says, which reminds him of his native New Zealand, which he left as a 17-year-old to study the cello on a series of scholarships and bursaries. Now aged 45, he has been here ever since, living mainly in Surrey with his wife — they are divorcing — and their children, Naomi, aged 24, Bruce, 22, and Steve, 19.

He used local craftsmen to build the Coniston house, which is designed to blend into the surroundings and is clad in Lake District stone. The price of the stone increased from £25 to £80 a ton after the supplier's lorry suffered £5,000 damage while attempting to deliver the stone along the perilously winding road.

Mr Pople did much of the labouring himself, helping to mix 140 tons of concrete and feeding the stone and mortar to the man who laid the stone. "I enjoyed it," he says. "I had not really done anything like it before."

He estimates that the four-bedroom house cost him £56,000 to build, including £5,000 for the one-and-a-half acre plot. There is a minstrels' gallery, a large kitchen and living room and a music room. He is thinking of building a conservatory. The interior is a mixture of Columbian pine and local stone with heavy oak furniture gleaned from local auctions. It is heated by a pair of wood-burning stoves. "You couldn't describe it as a grand house," Mr Pople says, "but the locals consider it to be a monster because most of the homes here tend to be small cottages. The size of the house doesn't interest me particularly. I think the environment is far more important."

BARRY GREENWOOD



From international rostrum to rural retreat: Ross Pople and Charlotte Fairbairn at their home near Coniston Water in the Lake District

He finds it easy to work there and keeps in touch with his orchestra by phone and fax. "The phone rings quite a lot but the number is known only by colleagues who need to know it. And there is the attraction of wanting to go out and do some stone-walling or potter about outside. It's marvellous because you can never get bored."

The permanent distractions include his sailing boat on Lake Coniston, his mongrel, Timothy, and the garden, which he prefers to leave wild, "although I do mow a great chunk of it". He has planted rhododendrons and azaleas and fenced them in to stop the local sheep eating them. "Charlotte has a pet sheep called Matilda who comes to chat to her."

The house is surrounded on three sides by National Trust land which, having become a life member of the trust, Mr Pople likes to regard as his own. The landscape is rugged, rocky and covered with oak, ash, beech, rowan and Scots pine. There are red squirrels in the pine forests, deer and a wide variety of birds.

Mr Pople finds it takes him a couple of days to unwind when he first arrives, and it is hard to sleep on the first night "because it is very quiet". Once acclimatised, he slows down, relaxes, eats more. "It's an ideal environment for anyone who is creative," he says. "Basically, it's a sense of enjoyment. You're in an environment you've created for yourself, where you want to be. On a purely practical level, it's not as expensive here as it is in London."

According to Miss Fairbairn, "the real difference is the emphasis on the daylight hours, which are very precious. By the time you get to the evening you're exhausted, whereas in London it doesn't make any difference whether it's light or dark."

Mr Pople feels that there is a "different rhythm to city life. The thing about having two domiciles is that they do merge a bit into one. When you lead the life we lead, you just have to be at home wherever you are."

They seldom eat out in Cumbria although, as Mr Pople says, it has "some of the finest restaurants in the land". Miss Fairbairn does most of the cooking. "She throws things at a pan and they seem to come out rather tastily," he says.

Being accepted by the local people was not a problem, unlike his first experiences of Britain. "It took me a long time to realise that my carefully nurtured New Zealand attitudes were considered rude in this country. Most British people get very embarrassed if you start talking about anything remotely to do with the person. New Zealanders are more serious about what they talk about; they're not so flippant or facile."

Much as he loves his Cumbrian home, he cannot envisage living there constantly. "I need to have the stimulus of London. One needs all sorts of stimulants; last year we went to Madagascar for our holiday because we had to find somewhere we hadn't been to before.

"I think one is a wandering minstrel, a nomad, yet I'm not a nomad: I like roots. I identify with my house in Cumbria — I think a home is quite personal — but I do feel it's a self-indulgence to have a second house."

SALLY BROMPTON

Farmer's diary: Paul Heiney

Bless me, what a find in the barn

WHEN beset by personal problems, some turn to religion or literature, and a few of the more desperate consult an agony aunt. I go and sit in an old barn, and the more cathedral-like the building the more comforting I find it. But not for reasons you might expect.

An ancient barn built from gnarled, forked timbers is one of the most inspiring structures ever conceived for such a utilitarian purpose as sheltering cows, corn or machines. But my eyes are not drawn to the vaulted rafters or the thatched roof, rather to a little gap often left between the inner and outer walls. This is where the treasures lie and the magic of the barn resides. To draw an ecclesiastical parallel, rather than gaze on the glories of the stained glass, if you want to see the light I suggest you look under the pews. By strolling around decrepit barns I have, with the farmers' permission, collected indispensable items of gear for our farming enterprise. I have unearthed pieces of harness such as wontys, dutfins, top latches and hame straps. Farmers think they are junk (which they are to anyone who doesn't farm with horses) but they are vital in retaining our link with the horse-drawn farming era.



This kind of treasure hunting has its heartbreaks. An elderly woman was showing me her father's rundown farm. I asked where the door in the end of the barn led. She couldn't remember. I turned the handle to find, hanging on the wall, a dozen sets of cart-horse harness, carefully arranged at the end of the last day's work the horse had done. I reached to pick a collar, and it crumbled to dust. The bridles turned to powder if moved. I was too late.

Last week, however, I was just in time to save a rare machine. In return I expect the machine may save my crop of corn. Beset by worries about the weeds, I responded swiftly to a suggestion that an old barn near here might be housing a "full stetch, steerage horse hoe". Let me explain.

A stetch, in Suffolk parlance, is the width of land sown by the seed drill. This machine, pulled by horses, was the same size as the drill, and hanging from a movable bar were a series of hoes designed to be steered between the rows of growing corn. I could not have been more elated if I had found a Constable in the attic.

When I arrived at the farm the vibes were good. It was once prosperous, with a huge farmyard and stabling for a dozen working horses. Now it was silent: the big machinery had long since taken over.

So intoxicating was the atmosphere that I became convinced it was my mission to rescue this venerable machine, bring it back to life, and drive it across the land once more, proving that there was much in the old ways of farming worth preserving. The hoe was the only method of weed control before chemicals took over, so if ever there was a "green machine" this was it. The machine was in fine shape, considering it had not been used for at least 50 years. The wooden wheels were sound, the axles turned freely, the hoes swung from side to side and still had a keen cutting edge. It was on my trailer and homeward bound before the farmer could thank me for the 50 quid.

Next day I returned. I strolled down the dusty nave of the great barn and worked my way along the transepts, looking. I heard the huge door open behind me and an old man appeared. I had met him on my first visit, and knew he had worked here for 50 years, starting in the depression days of the Thirties, ploughed for victory in the war and lived to see intensification overtake the fields, the hedgerows, and his way of life.

"Yer goin' hoein' then?" he asked. "Is it easy?" I replied, somewhat nervously having looked at the machine and considered the impossibility of steering a dozen hoes side by side through a field of corn where the rows are a mere five inches apart. Get it right and you rip out the weeds; get it wrong and you've sliced through this year's harvest. "There ain't nuthin' much to hoein' when you get the hang of it." "And how long does it take you to get the hang of it?" I asked. His eyes twinkled. "Oh, I wouldn't say I'd got *the* hang of it, yet." He chuckled *and* shuffled back into the darkness.

I looked up at the vaulted roof, thought of the wide hoes and narrow rows of corn, and said a prayer.

Feather report

Stockhausen of the woods

The most astonishing sound in British birding is weirder than nightjar, lovelier than blackbird, louder than a screaming jay. It is in some phrases simpler than willow warbler, but then it will throw in wild, advanced Stockhausen sounds that even upstage an indefatigable modernist like the skylark. It is the nightingale.

We are almost into summer, so this is getting close to being your last chance to hear them this year. It is a treat not to be missed. The sound is belting, stunning, unmistakable. And they sing all day as well as all night at this, the most thrilling time of the birds', and the birder's, year as they proclaim their territories and win their mates. Once young are on the nest, they shut up. So far as nightingales are concerned, autumn starts sometime in the second week in June.

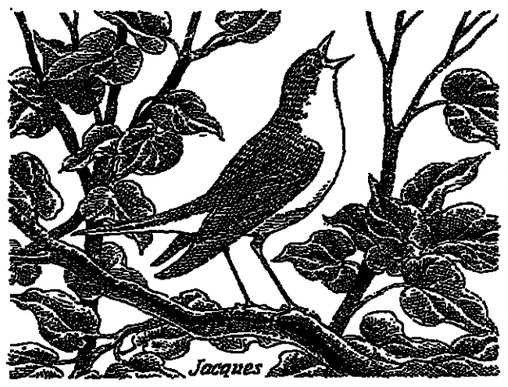
The finest, loudest and most furious singers win the best mates, it is believed. It must be some choice for the females. How can a bird so small, halfway between robin and blackbird, make such a din? The nightingale is the Jimi Hendrix of the bird world, with its astonishing virtuoso effects; it is also the Ginger Baker, with its thrumming jug-jug drum solos.

A line from the Severn to the Humber is the northern limit of the nightingale range, and, exotic though they are, they are common enough in the right places: coppiced woodland, a habitat that is making a comeback.

Casting an idle townee's eye over the countryside, one tends to think of woods as remaining fragments of Britain's atavistic landscape. Not so: most English woodland is as much a man-made landscape as the green deserts of Lincolnshire.

Woodland was traditionally managed, controlled, and cultivated as a source of food and building materials. One of the important forms of management was coppicing. This involves cutting a tree off at ground level: from the base spring shoots that thicken into poles. The poles were harvested every few years, depending on the tree and the use the poles were intended for.

As life changed, people had less need for coppice poles to provide warmth and shelter. There was less management of woodland, and much less coppicing. Woods thickened up, and became quite different places. A coppice woodland bursts with light: the glades opened by cutting explode with flowers and ground-covering plants. These bring in insects, particularly butterflies. As the coppice poles develop, they create an impenetrable thicket that teems with invertebrate life. And this is what nightingales like best.



Sounds of classic and rock: the furious-singing nightingale

The nightingale is pretty well restricted to this man-made habitat in England. On the Continent it is found in riverside scrub, also other kinds of scrub that do not exist here. In England, they have adapted to a man-made landscape. They like to nest right in the heart of a coppiced tree, in a thicket of poles where the cover extends to ground level.

From there, they trumpet out their song, quite invisibly, and the ground almost shakes with the passion of it.

Coppicing is a form of management that has come back into fashion. The art and science of traditional woodland management is being relearnt, and re-applied. And it is being done not for the sake of people in villages, but for wildlife. It is being done by conservationists from county trusts and national bodies.

The practice opens up woods and fills them with life. A well-managed, decent sized chunk of woods will bring in the high forest species to standard trees: the woodpeckers, nuthatches and tits, and the areas of coppice, managed in rotation, will attract the understorey birds, thrushes and warblers.

And, particularly, it will bring in nightingales. Altogether, it creates places of a beauty you can appreciate whether your eyes are open or closed. These places are magnificent, as full of human as of natural history. There is a real meaning to such places: they are as much a part of our past as they part of the birds' endless present.

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Country events

THIS WEEKEND

☐ **Classic car spectacular:** 50 clubs display 3,000 vintage and classic cars, motorcycles, lorries and military vehicles, and 100 stalls sell auto-jumble. Also, a car auction today. Rides and model-car racing for children.
Tatton Park, Knutford, Cheshire (0565 654822). Today, tomorrow, 11am-5pm. £3.50, children £2.

☐ **Farm open day:** Chance to see some of the many activities undertaken by farming students, including sheep-shearing, milking, tending pigs and hens, and handling agricultural machinery. Also, displays of country crafts.
Hougall Agricultural College, Hougall, Durham (091-386 1351). Tomorrow, 1-6pm. Car and occupants £2, pedestrians 50p.

☐ **Riddlesden revels:** A musical afternoon with the St Lawrence singers and the Dronfield Handbell Ringers.
East Riddlesden Hall, Keighley, West Yorkshire (0535 607075). Tomorrow, noon-5pm. £2.10, children £1.

☐ **Puffin cruise:** Three to four-hour cruise from Bridlington Pier to the seabird colony off Flamborough Head, home to the largest seabird colony in Britain. RSPB experts give commentaries and help identify the birds, which include puffins, fulmars and kittiwakes.
Bridlington, Humberside. Tomorrow, 9.30am. £6, children £3. Booking and further information on 0522 535596.

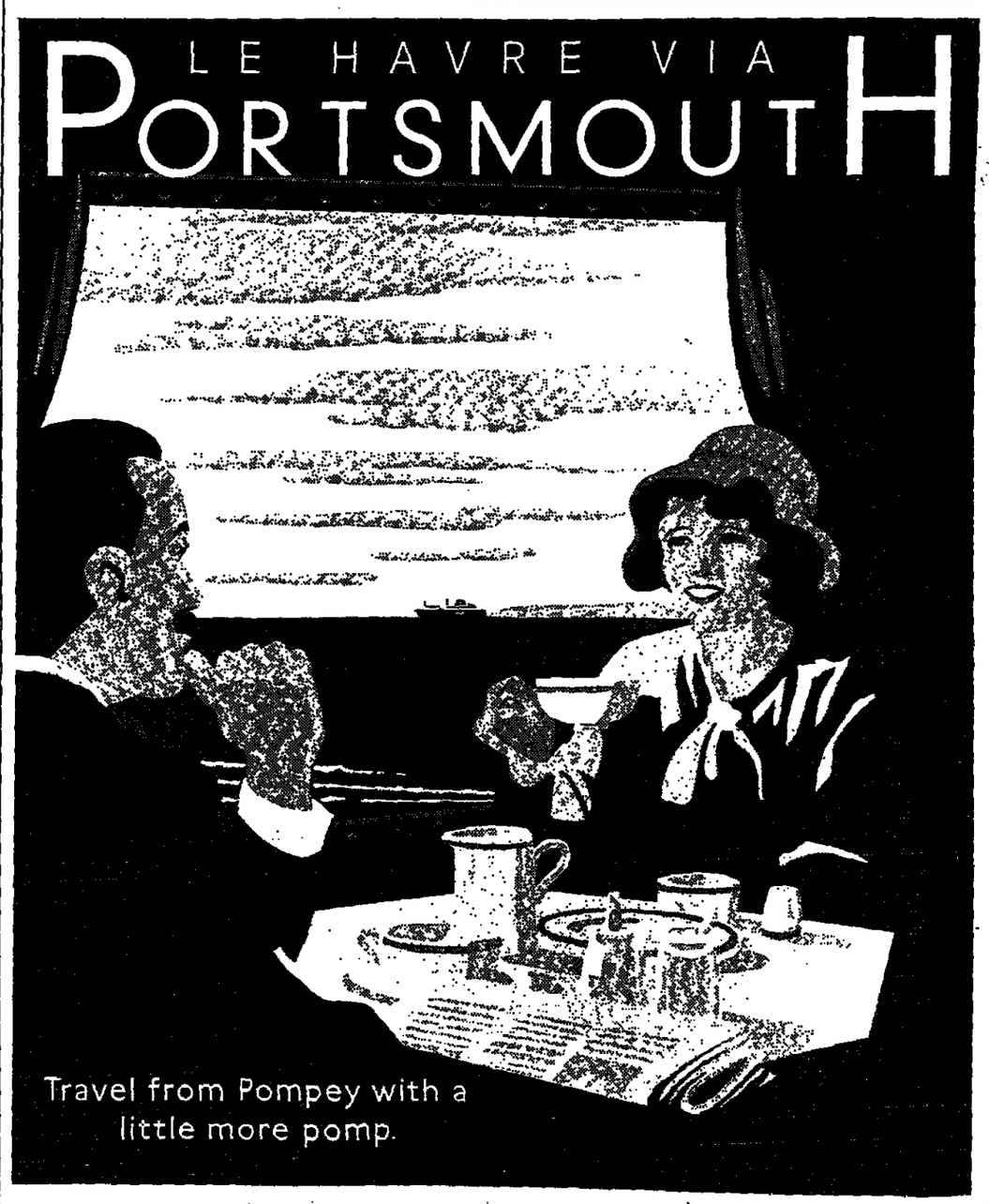
☐ **Carriage-driving trials and country fair:** 70 entries from Shetland ponies to hunters, and some of the country's top drivers. Singles, pairs, tandem and four-in-hand compete in dressage, a marathon cross-country run and an obstacle drive.
Whitbread Hop Farm, Beltring, Paddock Wood, Kent (0622 872068). Today, tomorrow, 10am-6pm. £4, children £2.

NEXT WEEK

☐ **Raby Farm open days:** Rare breeds of sheep, cattle and game-fowl. Sheep-shearing, spinning and knitting demonstrations. Tractor and trail rides.
Raby Home Farm, Raby Castle, Staindrop, Darlington, County Durham (0833 60202). Wed, Thurs, 10am-4pm. £2.50, children £1.20.

☐ **South of England Show:** Parade of cattle and winning livestock, equestrian events, farm food fair, floral displays, crafts, street theatre and arena events.
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If you can't stand the heat, light the barbie

Outdoor cooking is a man's job and some light up in style, **Heather Kirby** reports

Undaunted by the vagaries of our weather, the British are determinedly embracing barbecue culture. Our enthusiasm for eating hot stuff out of doors, even when it is chilly, may be a sign of stoicism, but getting the rituals right is the really testing part.

The word derives from *barbacoa*, Spanish for smoke-drying meat on greenwood lattices, erected over a fire of animal bones and hides; the Australians call them barbies, as in the Paul Hogan slogan "chuck another prawn on the barbie".

In fact no Australian would dream of barbecuing a prawn. At least not before they've consumed the T-bone steak and the jacket potato. The proper accompaniments are boxes of icy white wine or lager. Dress lore is almost as important: barbie-goers wear T-shirts with koala or kangaroo motif over shorts, thongs (flip-flops) and a hat sprayed with insect repellent to keep the "blowies" at bay. The person manning the barbecue (usually a man) would top this with a plastic pinny.

For off-duty Brits, the what-to-wear question is often tricky. Digby Anderson, one of the *Spectator*'s food columnists, scoffs at the antipodean ideal. "Men look particularly awful in an apron over shorts," he says. "It is really rather unpleasant when men take on traditional female tasks and find a male aspect to them. There are certain things they want to do and not other things. They like doing barbecues because they can indulge in an equipment mania."

When Claire Rayner, the agony aunt and author, had her first barbecue of the year last Monday she told guests to "wear anything or nothing". Her husband, Des Rayner, an artist, says: "We have had a swimming-pool installed and there were one or two people whose trunks could be said to come under the second category."

Both the Andersons and the Rayners insist they share the barbecuing, although in most families wives give way, gratefully, to the boy scout tendency in their husbands. Loyd Grossman, the presenter of the television programme *Masterchef*, agrees with Mr Anderson that the attraction of barbecuing has more to do with mechanics than cooking and is, therefore, suitably macho.

The retail barbecue market is worth about £30 million a year, which translates into 900,000 homes wafting smoke over the neighbour's fence, mostly in the southeast and East Anglia, according to Sue Donahue, the barbecue buyer for Sainsbury's Homebase.

"Eating al fresco is becoming more accepted and people barbecue not just on hot, sunny days but early in the year and on cold days, too," Ms Donahue says. "On the Continent, barbecuing is an all-year-round activity and the season in the UK is lengthening, with people preparing barbecued food on cold days, even if the food is taken indoors to eat. The barbecue season starts in earnest at the beginning of June, and continues until mid-September."

Homebase stocks 18 types of barbecue, including an American "Daisy Flex", which burns rolled up newspaper, and the Japanese Hibachi, a table-top style favoured by Ruth Rogers, the owner of the London's River Café restaurant, where a lot of food is barbecued.

Having grown up in America, she is used to barbecued food. "It tastes so much nicer, even vegetables which I charcoal-grill dry and then add oil and seasoning afterwards," she says. "It gives a delicious, clear taste."

Sometimes talking barbies is like talking wheels and Mr Grossman reckons his American Webber Kettle is the Rolls-Royce of the species. He has a charcoal version, but Harrods stocks the deluxe model, which uses a gas bottle (hickory chips can be sprinkled on for a more authentic flavour) and costs £1,200. It has three burners and a glass cupboard with an indicator warning when the gas is getting low.

Mr Grossman thinks the Kettle is ideal for the British climate. "It is like a convertible. You can cook fish like tuna or swordfish open or tandoori chicken with the lid closed. It is a metal sphere and stands on three legs and has an incredibly tough finish which does not go rusty."

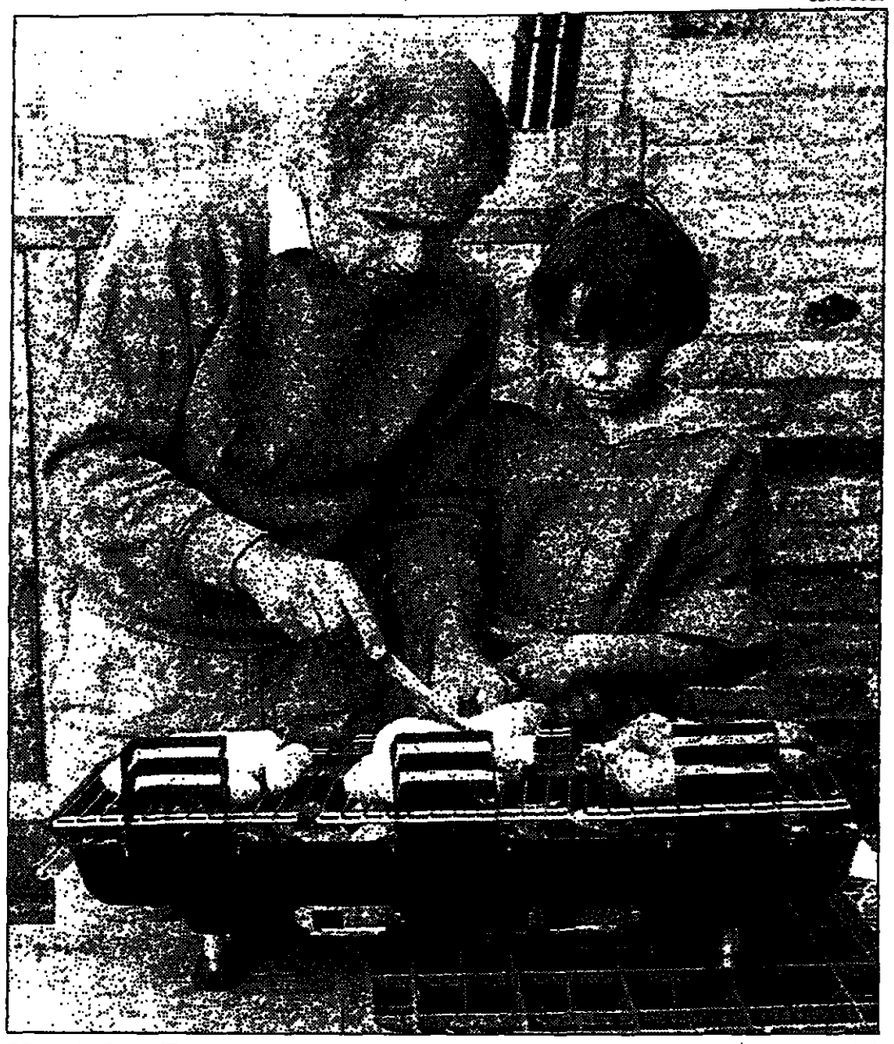
Mr Anderson has a Spanish gas barbecue which has two rings, one inside the other, and can be tinkered with to give five levels of heat. He cooks "immense" paellas, "huge" omelettes, risotto and marinated fish on it. "What I quite like to do," he says, "is to eat fish down by our pond because that is educative for the fish in there to see what happens."

Mr Rayner does not like fancy barbecue equipment, so he had a brick barbecue custom made. Stylish seasoning is important. The Rayners have installed an old bath alongside the barbecue in which they grow herbs so they can just lean across and strip off whatever takes their culinary fancy.

The proper fuel for a barbecue is wood, burnt slowly and preferably sprinkled with bay or eucalyptus leaves to add aroma, but hickory chips are acceptable. Australians light up early and put potatoes among the embers long before it is time to sizzle the steaks.

Singeing the honeysuckle is only one of the hazards of barbecues. If you are the preferred main course for mosquitos you can substitute insect repellent for scent or light a citronella candle to keep the buzzers away — and the best of luck. A final hazard is, how do you actually eat? Although the informality of barbecuing is half the attraction, Australians eat standing up, picking up chops with their fingers. Are we ready for that?

JOHN COLE



Man at his best? "They like doing barbecues because it allows them to indulge in an equipment mania"

What's in a name? About £320,000, says the company which later this month will auction off many of the City's old street signs

Going, going — a piece of old London

MR GARLICK was quick off the mark. As soon as he heard that the City of London's most famous street signs were to be auctioned he phoned the Corporation of London enquiring about the asking price for Garlick Hill, EC4. No doubt bankers will be queuing to bid for Bread Street, EC4, and casanovas for Love Lane, EC2.

The auction, to be held by Bonhams at the Guildhall, on June 25, has generated interest in the antiquities market here and abroad. Duncan Chilcott, of Bonhams, refuses to speculate on prices: "We cannot put an estimate on these signs. There has never been an auction of this kind before. We expect the bidding for Fleet Street to go mad. We have already had two popular papers contact us."

London's street names, many of them of medieval origin, are among the most evocative in Europe and are full of local, often lewd history. Passing Alley, EC1, for instance, has been politely modified over the years by the changing of one letter.

Stew Lane, EC4, a narrow alley leading down to the Thames, derives its name from the habits of medieval prostitutes, who used to take boats from there across to the bath-houses in Southwark (*étuve* means hot-air bath room).

The decision to replace the signs was taken partly because of the number which were broken or lost during redevelopment of the City after the Big Bang in 1987. There is, the corporation says, a considerable need for new signs and more than half of the replacements will be on new sites. Some of the present signs are more than 70 years old. "Not only was it becoming increasingly difficult for pedestrians and motorists to find the street signs," says Christopher Mitchell, the chairman of the corporation's planning committee, "but we felt that the City was in danger of losing its special identity. We are trying to raise awareness of the City among residents, visitors and workers."



Sign of the times: old-style signs on vitrolite glass (left) are being replaced by a "special identity" on enamel

A "special identity" will be lent by the corporation's coat of arms, which the new signs will bear. They will be portrait style and made out of enamel: the old landscape design was etched on opaque vitrolite glass. The project is costing £320,000, the sum expected to be raised by the auction.

Some conservationists, however, are not so enthusiastic about the project. "I think it is a pity. It seems to me to be eroding the character of London's streetscapes," says Richard Holder, the senior architectural adviser of the Victorian Society. "Those old sort of signs are part and parcel of the visual character and history of the area. Why they can't put a coat of paint over the old ones and put up new ones in the old style I don't know."

Here are a few tips for prospective bidders: Fleet Street derives its name from the river Fleet, which flows beneath the capital into the Thames at Blackfriars, and will clearly arouse high bidding from the newspaper industry. There are seven Fleet Street signs, and the auctioneers are still considering whether to auction them as one lot, or individually.

The medieval traders have given their names to a number of streets: Seacoal Lane, Cloth Fair, Skinner's Lane, Silk Street, Shoe Lane, Milk Street, Cloak Lane, Stonecutter Street, Ropemaker Street, Pudding Lane, EC3, is where the butchers in Eastcheap used to dispose of their offal, then known as "pudding". More significantly, it is where the Great Fire of London started.

The Old Bailey, EC4, sign has been lent permanently to the courts and is not for sale, but Old Jewry, EC2, designating a former Jewish quarter, is on offer. The "Old" came into use after 1290, when Jews were expelled from the kingdom of England by Edward I.

St Mary Axe, EC3, is the street where a church dedicated to St Mary once housed an axe said to have beheaded 3,666 virgins. They had foolishly accompanied St Mary and St Ursula to Germany to convert the heathens, who beheaded them three at a time.

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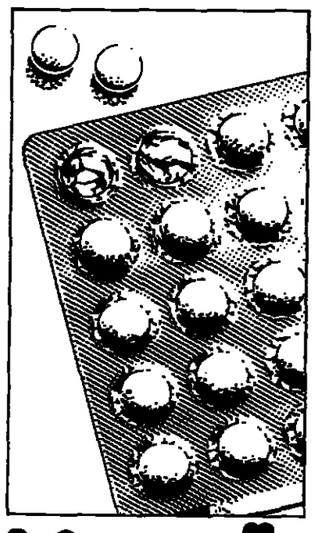
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According to Richard Soper of the British Waterbed Company, the advantage of the flotation bed, as it is now called, is the quality of sleep. "This is caused by the bed adjusting the shape of its surface to the shape of its occupant. Waterbeds apply the old Archimedian principle of displacement to support the whole body at a lower pressure level."

The Hydrobed, sells at £795 for a 5ft by 6ft 6in queen-size model at the Waterbed Company shop in King's Road, London. "It's the most popular soft-sided model, because its conventional size means that ordinary bedlinen can be fitted," says Maureen Pope, the manager of the shop. "We find that 60 per cent of our sales go to people with back problems or arthritis."

People with bad backs are often advised to choose a bed with extra-firm support. Orthopaedic surgeons helped develop Sealy's Posturepedic range, including its "Young Support" single bed for children, while Dunlopillo and Slumberland also make mattresses which they say are designed to provide the correct anatomical support.

At the press of a button, the Hypnos "Lifestyle" bed adjusts head, back and leg sections, while Sleepeezee's "Beautyrest" adjustable bed goes a step further, with a built-in massage unit to relieve aches and pains.

Fully adjustable models can be found in Hulsta's German-made range. The "Super" model has a handset-operated electric motor for altering back, neck and leg supports, and each side of the bed can be altered separately. Prices for Hulsta's adjustable double beds, which come with a 12-year guarantee, range from £1,200 to £4,000.

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Float on: Maureen Pope of the British Waterbed Company

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● *For "All About Beds", the British Home Furnishing Bureau's free leaflet, send 22p plus an A5 sae to All About Beds, BHFB, Bury House, 126-128 Cromwell Road, London SW7 4ET.*

● *"Should Your Bed Be Put To Sleep?" and "Retirement Time" (send 32p sae) from the National Bed Federation, 251 Brompton Road, London SW3 2EZ.*

● *"Answers to the 50 Most Frequently Asked Questions About Waterbeds" is free from the British Waterbed Company, 228 Withycombe Village Road, Exmouth, Devon EX8 3BD (0395 270066).*

● *The National Back Pain Association, 31 Park Road, Teddington, Middlesex.*

NICOLE SWENGLEY

Events in town

THIS WEEKEND

☐ **Amateur regatta:** Many craft on the river and bankside entertainments for all the family.
River Thames, from Petersham Meadows to Orleans Gardens, Twickenham. Today, 9.30am-7pm. £1, children free.

☐ **Rochester Dickens festival:** Today, Mr Pickwick's train arrives at noon. A procession to the castle follows and tonight, in the cathedral, there is a "summer serenade" with the London Festival Orchestra, and fireworks later. Tomorrow, paddle-steamer trips on the Medway, a craft fair and an evening re-enactment of the siege of Rochester castle at the time of King John, presented by the Marcher Lords. Many fringe entertainments throughout the town on both days.
Rochester, Kent. Most events free. Concert tickets £4.50-£8. Further information from the Tourist Information Centre (0634 843666).

☐ **Allendale fair:** Many events including tug-of-war and strong-man competitions, displays of aerobics, trampolining and karate, competitions, and entertainment for children.
Market Square, Allendale, Northumberland. Today, 10am-5pm.

☐ **Funday 2:** Pony and trap rides around the grounds, a balloon race, stalls, sideshows and competitions and a Punch and Judy show, plus other entertainments. Also bands, karate displays and sword-dancers.
Hertford Castle, Hertford. Today, 10.30am-4.30pm. Free.

NEXT WEEK

☐ **Open air theatre:** An 11-week programme of opera, dance and theatre includes productions of *Madame Butterfly, Tosca* and performances by the Royal Ballet School.
Holland Park, London W8. Tues until Aug 17. Booking (071-602 7856).

☐ **Sweden for a day:** The marketplace is given over to all things Swedish — food, goods, entertainments and information.
Covent Garden Piazza, London WC2. Tues, 10am-6pm. Free.

☐ **Bournemouth festival:** Events at various venues throughout the resort, with an opening concert by the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra and the finale with the Bournemouth Sinfonietta under Sir Yehudi Menuhin.
Bournemouth. Fri until June 30. Further information (0202 297327).

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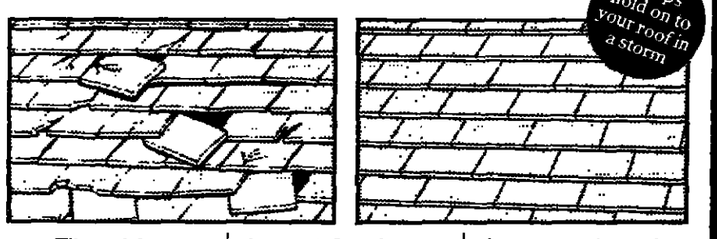
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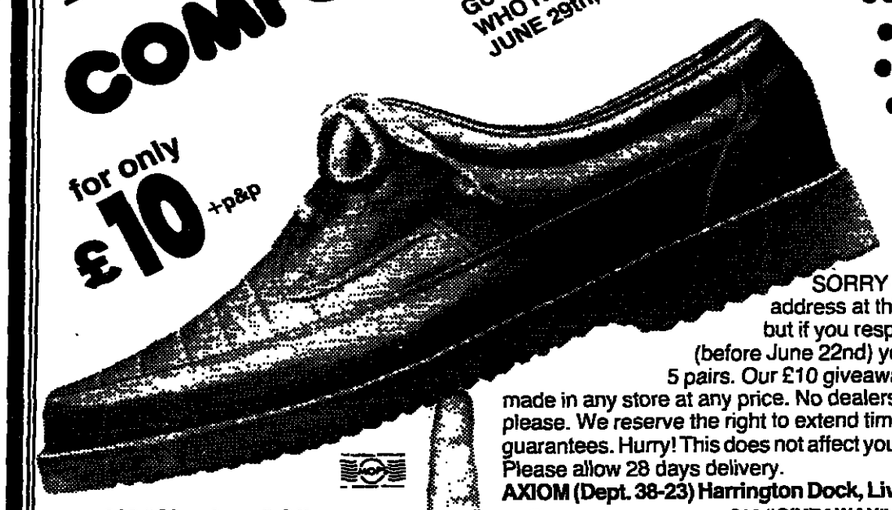
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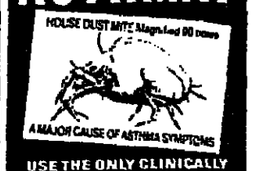
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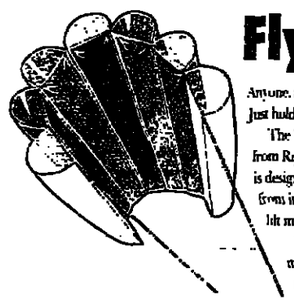
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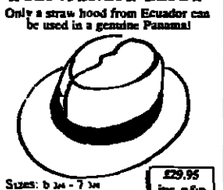
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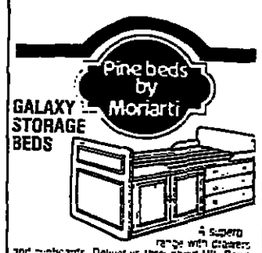
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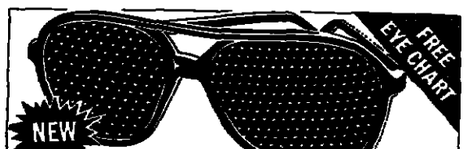
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Fame for Hepworth, neglect for Skeaping. Was it a carve-up? **Sarah Jane Checkland** asks

The bolter returns as the hero

Next week the debate on the nature of genius will intensify as an exhibition of 170 sculptures and drawings by Barbara Hepworth's first husband, John Skeaping, opens at the dealers Arthur Ackermann & Son in London.

The claim will be that Hepworth and Henry Moore, two of Britain's most successful 20th century artists, were motivated more by ambition than inspiration, and that they copied the ideas of Skeaping (1901-1980), their now less-famous contemporary.

Skeaping is a hero and iconoclast, according to the organisers of the exhibition. In 1954 he advocated "an absolute act of faith on the part of the creator" for a work to have quality and integrity. The act of harnessing oneself to "some form of art which is receiving recognition", he said, relegates the artist "to the ranks of mediocrity".

His story should bring hope to the hundreds of unknowns who will exhibit at the Royal Academy summer exhibition next week, while sending a chill through aspiring avant-gardistes at the Royal College of Art fine art degree show, also starting next week. If it is taken seriously, it could cause some re-pricing in the art market.

"I'm doing this exhibition for the love of a great artist who happens to be my father," says Nicholas Skeaping, the son of the artist by his second marriage. He has spent the last three years organising the first retrospective of his father's work.

"I think Skeaping's impact on Moore and Hepworth may be more relevant than vice versa," writes Nicholas Hely-Hutchinson, an art historian, in the catalogue, adding that although Hepworth's *Pierced Form* of 1931 is accepted to represent "the first hole in English sculpture . . . it does seem that prior to 1930 Skeaping had initiated this idea".

And so the gauntlet is thrown. Now the facts. There are strong indications that, in the first phase of his career, Skeaping was the high-flyer, while Hepworth and Moore were the hangers-on. Skeaping won the Prix de Rome in 1924, leaving Hepworth as a runner-up. Having painstakingly learnt the craft of stone carving, he taught Hepworth an appreciation of materials and how best to carve them, preaching the creed of direct carving, rather than the "prevailing dishonest practice", as Skeaping put it in his autobiography, of modelling in clay and leaving the rest to craftsmen.

But, as Skeaping's 1977 autobiography shows, just as their work was jointly winning acclaim in the late Twenties, her ambition was repulsing him, while his gregariousness and resistance to conformity caused her equal problems (his mistress jumped out of the window when caught by Hepworth *in flagrante;* at the presentation of the RA gold medal, in 1920, he entertained the audience by drunkenly allowing his trousers to collapse around his ankles). In later years he complained that the new abstract sculpture espoused by Hepworth had just as many rigid rules "as those taboos of the old discarded Academic forms of sculpture".

John Skeaping taught Barbara Hepworth an appreciation of materials and how best to carve them

Skeaping and Hepworth went their separate ways; she to her marriage to fellow-artist Ben Nicholson and, in 1975, following their separation, her career and a lonely death; he to France and Spain, and dramatic depictions of stalking animals and bullfighters and, finally, as his son puts it, to a role as "Little Johnny Skeaping the racing chappie", famous for horsey/animal pictures and models.

And here, the thesis wavers. Nicholas Skeaping argues that Hepworth and Moore "knew how to sell themselves" while Skeaping was a true artist insisting on inspiration before he started any work. In reality he was a bolter, both in the Mitford sense (leaving two wives in the lurch) and in respect of artistic styles, which he chopped and changed. In contrast, Hepworth, at the expense of her personal life, and arguably humanity, produced an *oeuvre* large and consistent enough to be assessed as such, although her prices have long been eclipsed by both Moore's and Nicholson's.

The fact that Skeaping displayed a singular lack of interest in posterity, keeping no records and losing interest in a given work if he could not sell it immediately, perhaps indicates a more complete person, but a lesser artist.

The exhibition, which is, despite all efforts, a sparse evocation of a lifetime, includes drawings rescued by Nicholas Skeaping from his father's bonfire in 1967, not-for-sale sculptures belonging to private owners, and a number of limited edition bronzes from plaster animal figures completed during his prodigious teens and produced for the show (£900-£4,000). Nicholas Skeaping hopes the exercise will draw out further lost works, such as an exquisite marble head of Hepworth, assuming that it survived the Blitz.

Skeaping was also happy to wander into the domain of applied art, designing animal figures produced in so many thousands by Wedgwood that they became kitsch (£600). His horse sketches, which brought him television fame in the Fifties, are impressively virtuoso (the exhibition includes a number at up to £6,500). The only work he wanted to be remembered, he told Nicholas Skeaping, was the remarkable 6ft 6in granite man he carved as a memorial to Paul, the son he had by Barbara Hepworth and who was killed in 1953 while in the RAF.

As things are, it would be neat to conclude that the wheel has gone full circle, and that Skeaping's star is now rising in the firmament. Instead, the exhibition suggests that, having contributed crucially to the start of the British abstract movement, Skeaping became reduced to an entertaining sideshow. But let's see what the critics say.

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The son: Nicholas Skeaping seeks appreciation for his father. Above: Skeaping's *Woman and Bird* (circa 1928)

Artistic dogs chew up bids

Review

☐ **Beady eyed:** A Victorian image of spaniels, embroidered in glass beadwork after a picture by Edwin Landseer, sold to an American at Christie's Glasgow for £1,925 against an estimate of £200-£300. It was a highlight in a collection of beadwork compiled by David Spreull, a retired architect. Having been estimated at £20,000, the 140 lots fetched £73,397.

☐ **High time:** A rare 18th century combined silver watch and equatorial dial, signed Nikolaus Delle of Augsburg, fetched £9,350 (estimate £2,500-£3,000) at Sotheby's. A Patek Philippe 18 carat gold automatic perpetual calendar wristwatch of 1975 fetched £15,400.

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Preview

☐ **Today:** Judging from its selection of railway guards' pocket watches (estimated at £30-£150), cutlery and posters, and even a chamber pot from the North British Railway Company (£250), Onslow's is a train-spotter's paradise at 1pm. Le Chat Noir, a new contemporary gallery with aspirations towards the original 19th century Paris bohemian gallery of that name, opens in London's Covent Garden.

☐ **Monday:** The second part of the sale of the great arms collection formed by Henk Visser of The Netherlands is at Sotheby's 11am. Among the star lots is a pair of royal French wheel-lock pistols, circa 1620 (up to £50,000).

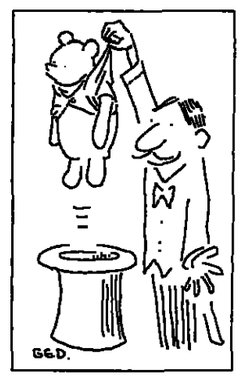
☐ **Tuesday to Friday:** 20th century British and Irish paintings, including contemporary work, are at Phillips, on Tuesday at 11am. Bonhams goes for the post-war and contemporary periods on Wednesday at 6pm. Christie's offers the earlier schools on Thursday at 2.30pm, and post-war paintings and sculptures on Friday at 11am.

☐ **Tuesday:** A Greek slave girl in marble by Scipione Tadolini (1822-1892) is on offer by Christie's at up to £40,000 at Wrotham Park, Hertfordshire.

☐ **Wednesday:** Phillips follows its European glass and enamel sale at 11am with continental ceramics at 1pm.

☐ **Thursday:** The Fine Art & Antiques Fair at Olympia opens today and runs to June 16. Up to £500,000 is hoped for the "Ex-Brustelin" Stradivarius violin at Sotheby's 10.30am. Phillips ceramic sale, 11am, has two rare Limehouse miniature dog models (up to £2,000 each).

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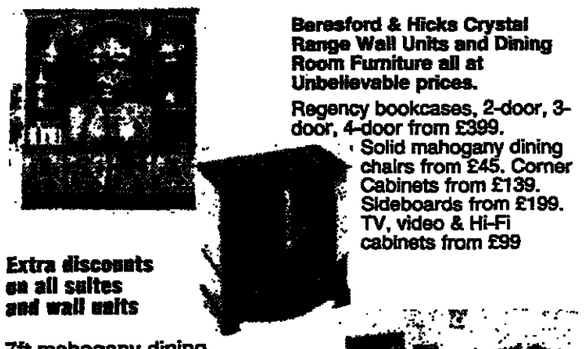
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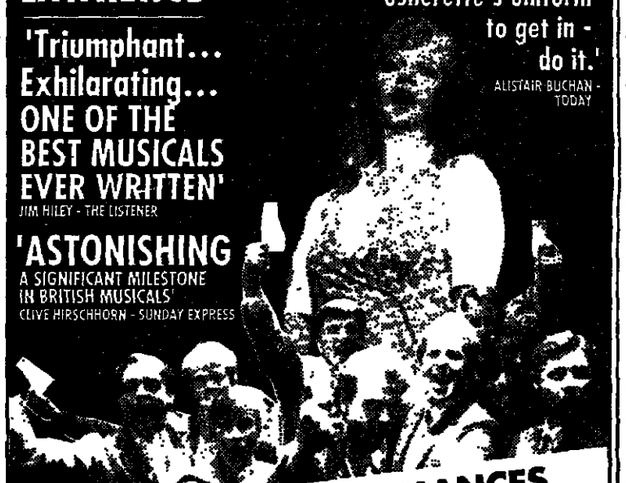
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All of Harrison Birtwistle's major stage works so far have taken place within the circlings, ripplings and reflections of legendary time, where the same events can take place several times over, in the same or different ways. *Punch and Judy*, for instance, had the structure of a sporting contest, setting puppet figures against one another in a game of several bouts. Then, in *The Mask of Orpheus*, the old myth was observed as if in a broken mirror, or a troubled pool, elements of the story being repeated, or omitted, or distorted, or used as occasions for telling other stories.

For such a theatrical mind, *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight* would seem to be a gift. The story is set against the cycle of the seasons, and therefore made itself a part of that endless revolve of times of test and times of relaxation. Moreover, within the narrative are places of internal reflection (notably the two duels between Gawain and the Green Knight) and also smaller cycles, as when, with a change from an annual to a diurnal timescale, Gawain is thrice tempted by Sir Bertilak's wife while Sir Bertilak is thrice at the hunt.

The gift is, however, as treacherous as that of the green sash that Gawain receives from the lady. It gives Birtwistle scope for the kind of dramatic form at which he excels, but at the same time it also claims the responsibility as its own. In both *Punch and Judy* and *Orpheus*, the action seemed to be geared to the music, as if to some great clockwork mechanism, but in *Gawain* it is the story that seems to be in control. What results is therefore much closer to being just another opera – with music serving an illustrative rather than a generative function (the use of horn calls in the hunt sequences is an astonishing instance of this) – than a reinvention of the genre.

Partly, too, this is because Birtwistle has striven here to tell the story, and so to have the characters explain what is going on. He has therefore striven to make sure that a good deal of David Harsent's libretto is understandable, and that libretto contains a lot more natural dialogue than hitherto in Birtwistle's operas, as well as a certain amount of poetic phrase-making which looks wonderful on the page but sounds regrettably portentous in the theatre. The greater problem, though, is the conversational tone, which makes this opera much more a play of character than its predecessors. In the final scene, Gawain's dumbly insistent line, to a court that wants to welcome back a victor, is "I'm not that hero", but in fact he is very much the hero of this anti-heroic opera. There is a man on the stage, and that man is Gawain.

One further problem is the simple one that Birtwistle's adherence to the story-telling mode means we know what we are going to see. The arrival of the Green Knight at Arthur's castle – the sudden eruption of magic into civilised society – cannot be the shock the music seems to expect it to be, nor can any stage representation of it be as astounding as what one reads. The same goes for the beheading, which here is distinctly disappointing.

In other respects, though, Di Trevis, as director, and Alison Chitty, as designer, do the piece proud. The layout of the stage is straightforward and suggestive, with a great grey disc for internal scenes, a single monumental pair of doors, and a surrounding annulus as well as a rear frame for the wild outdoors. The masque, with a corn-dolly sun, a changing moon, Father Time and symbols of the seasons all revolving as if in an orrery, is particularly beautiful. And there is a marvellous piece of stage magic to fit the strong surge of music bringing Gawain to the Green Chapel, which is revealed as a Silbury Hill of laser light.

The orchestral performance, here and throughout, conducted by Elgar Howarth, shows us that this is, at least, an extraordinary three hours of musical invention, with a cimbalom new to Birtwistle's armoury chiming with tubas in a score that is generally urged by brass and bass. The sound world is rudely primitive, strong on horny fanfares and low drumming, but it also contains a grace and confidence relatively new to Birtwistle's music. The very ending is magical, with a characteristic curt piping and the repeat of a tuned percussion trickle that gives the score one of its principal figures.

DONALD COOPER



A magnificently imposing Green Knight, down into his boots: John Tomlinson

Marie Angel is full of seductive witchery as Morgan, whose lullabies with woodwind and percussion are among the lighter beauties. Elizabeth Laurence is luscious, too, as the Lady de Hautdesert (though the Latin American rhythm at her introduction to Gawain is a Birtwistle oddity). François Le Roux sings a resolute, unillusioned Gawain; John Tomlinson is a magnificently imposing Green Knight, a part that takes him right down into his boots. There is also excellent work from Penelope Walmsley-Clark in the rather pale role of Guinevere.

PAUL GRIFFITHS

Lynne Truss on the number 7, hijacked by Granada for documentaries, including *Age 7 in the USSR*

Sewing the seeds of a rootless life



On Wednesday night's *Josie* (Channel 4) there was a sketch involving a scene in a bingo hall. "All the sixes, clickety-click," called the sleazy MC, with his pencil-wielding audience happily joining in with the responses. "Key of the door, 21; two fat ladies, 88." But then things started to go a little weird. "Number two, Menelaus," he called. "Eh?" said the audience, suddenly not quite sure what was going on, their pencils hovering over the numbers on the cards. "Number nine, Agamemnon."

The scene was rather pointless, but it did lead to a thought. If highbrow revisionism were really reaching the world of housey-housey ("Characters in Search of an Author, number six"; "Buchan's Steps, Thirty-Nine"), I could suggest a clever new call for the number 77, viz "All the sevens – Granada Television documentaries". After all, what with the recent *35 Up* and *Age 7 in America*, and this week's *Age 7 in the USSR*, the number seven (and all its multiples) has somehow been hijacked for posterity by the famous Granada social history project, which is meanwhile expanding exponentially and threatening to change the face of childhood the world over. Seven is no longer a carefree age. From Brixton to Bangkok, mindful parents now keep their seven-year-olds safe in the cupboard under the stairs and make special chalk-marks on the front door, so that the plague of documentary-makers will pass over.

Perhaps the most extraordinary aspect of the *7 Up* project is the way different people derive different lessons from it, depending on their disposition. Watching the 35-year-olds calcify into premature middle-age, the sunny optimist (defined as a person who says a cup is half-full, not half-empty) is perhaps heartened by the variety of human existence, and by the endurance of an early-formed personality. Meanwhile, the pessimist nods glumly at the proof of our lack of options. Personally, I fall into neither category. Shown a half-empty cup, I say: "Blimey, there's nothing in this *at all*!" Not surprisingly, then, I watched *35 Up* with my fingers in my mouth, drooling with dismay at this conclusive evidence for the pointlessness of life, and slowly realising that at age seven I probably would have prophesied my own end with the words: "When I grow up, I want to eat biscuits and watch TV all day, and never go out."

We seem to be getting into the habit of watching people on television age rapidly before our eyes, but I don't know why. "To everything, turn, turn, turn; There is a season, turn, turn, turn," goes the commercial for some bank or other, while photographs of the growing account customer are eerily superimposed one on another, charting the direct, simple journey from new-born baby to mortgage defaulter in the course of 30 seconds. In a new car commercial, a little boy walks across the screen into the future, and grows to twice the size in the process. And in *35 Up*, we have people's real, continuous linear lives depicted as a series of five Russian dolls – at seven, 14, 21, 28 and 35 – all standing in a row together, and dwindling in size in reverse order, from a large vivid well-detailed seven down to a small crude skittle at 35.

'From Brixton to Bangkok, parents now keep their seven-year-olds in the cupboard under the stairs'

Having drunk deep from the original crop of John Barleycorns planted out in the 1960s, Granada has now planted out some more, in America and the USSR. Watching the two new batches of seven-year-olds, with an almost Sibylline awareness of their probable futures, has been a deeply uncomfortable experience.

Some of the Soviet children in Tuesday's Age 7 in the USSR were deliberately chosen from secessionist trouble-spots – Lithuania, Georgia, Kirghizia – with the effect, surely, of building in some inevitable drama for future programmes, if not tragedy. Pavel, a thickly-swaddled Azerbeijan refugee kicking the snow in a camp next to the Kremlin, seemed destined to be rootless – and was moved on, we were told, after the film was shot. Marina, daughter of a rural Russian priest, playing "little mother" to four of her ten siblings, was not allowed to go to school. When asked what she would like to be, she whispered: "Nothing". What was her greatest wish? "To play."

Childhood in the USSR is ordered differently, somehow. Despite their tiny size, their knowingness sometimes made it hard to remember that these children were young. "I don't love this country," averred the astounding Asya, insolently rocking back and forth in a rocking-chair in a spacious Leningrad flat. "I can't live here. I've had enough. Everyone screams 'Perestroika! Perestroika!' What's the point of it? Politics, they call it. They could at least give us something to eat." The big blue eyes in the peachy faces of the little Russian girls were not, somehow, pictures of innocence.

Wordsworthian clouds of glory trailed only in thin wisps behind some of these children. Anastassia, a wide-eyed, beautiful Russian child living in Kirghizia (a Muslim republic on the Chinese border), leaned against a wall and talked straight to the camera about the uprising and curfew. "What happens if you go out after the curfew?" she was asked. "They kill you," she said.

"We are the happy kids, we are the Octobrists. Our name we can explain; it's our contribution to the revolution." So sang the little "helpers of Vladimir Ilyich Lenin", though one of them was forced to admit he didn't really know precisely what form this help was supposed to take. "Nobody told us," he said finally, after attempting to bluff. They knew about food shortages and local politics, but they were a bit hazy about Lenin. Even the extraordinarily well-educated Katya, who was taught at home by her Russian mother in Lithuania (and who could recite lists of world religions), couldn't say who had won the revolution. "Nobody has told me yet. Not even my mother." One of the boys "popped in" to Lenin's tomb on his way to the Moscow McDonalds, but could report only that Lenin wore "trainers of some kind". Refugee Pavel had popped in, too, and had been even less impressed. "He doesn't move," he said. "He just lies there."

Portrait of a paternal king

THEATRE

Henry IV, Part Two
Shakespeare, Stratford

JULIAN Glover's *Henry IV* left the first part of his biography a bold, commanding figure, if somewhat troubled by a pain in the left lung. He enters *Part Two* looking as if the few days that have passed since then have lasted a century or so. He fidgets about the stage in medieval pyjamas that are only a little greyer than his face, which is creased, crumpled and punctured by reddish holes, presumably his eyes. The big, energetic monarch has shrunk into a kind of ravaged cancer victim.

But there is purpose to this chronological liberty. The director, Adrian Noble, is emphasising that the world of *Part Two* is a sicklier place than that of *Part One*. An old order is dying, not without turbulence and foreboding. Given the heir-apparent's lowlife tastes, and the nobles' thirst for civil strife, there is every chance of chaos ahead.

Consistently enough, Noble does everything he can to suggest that the English are a giddy, fickle lot. At the very start he turns the character Rumour into a jabbering mob, who eddy round, before scuttling off like rats. Falstaff's return from the wars becomes a gaudy street party, his arrest a punch-up. Eastcheap itself comes in the same brash hue as in *Part One* – a red-light district – but has become rather wilder. Albie Woodington's Pistol, a psychotic Hell's Angel in leather, does not just make an exit, as the text asks: he gets biffed on the face and head, and chased up ladders and down ropes, emptying a chamberpot over that amiable slattern, Linda Bassett's Mistress Quickly, as he goes.

Part Two adds two other strong performers: Joanne Pearce's tough Doll Tearsheet and David Bradley's Justice Shallow, incongruously spouting hedonistic memories from a face custom-built for one of Samuel Beckett's grimmer studies of bleak old age. *Part Two* also intensifies *Part One*'s war between Rob Edwards's Poins and Robert Stephens's Falstaff. One hides his desperation behind offhandedness, and the other behind wit and eccentricity; but both clearly hope to be the power behind the next throne.

Stephens's remains a marvellously unexpected performance. He is still more the wily realist than the carefree toper; he still uses rather than abuses his liquor, keeping his head while others lose theirs. But to the portrait he presented in *Part One*, he adds the hint that his feelings for Michael Maloney's Hal include some strongly paternal ones. The latter's acting, however, leaves no doubt where his allegiances lie. He may feel a residual fondness for Falstaff, and mildly fancy Doll Tearsheet; but Eastcheap has come to exasperate more than attract him.

By the end, what matters to him is his bond with a king he finds distractedly rattling out his last breaths and death-bed fears. Thanks to the power of Glover's superb performance, that matters to us, too. This is the first production I have seen in which Hal's reconciliation with his true father was more moving than his rejection of his fake one. For once, *Henry IV* is well titled.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE



Superb: Julian Glover (top) and Michael Maloney

Notes on classic youthfulness

CONCERT

LSO/Tilson Thomas
Barbican

ONE of the most intriguing items of Michael Tilson Thomas's "Childhood" series with the London Symphony Orchestra was saved for the final gala concert in aid of Unicef. *The Diary of Anne Frank* has long since acquired classic status as a poignant adolescent expression of belief in the ultimate goodness of humanity even in the face of unspeakable evil. Audrey Hepburn, who herself lived under the Nazi shadow in Holland, knew the diary even before its publication just after the war. With Tilson Thomas she has made a selection of extracts which she narrates against the background of his score, orchestrated with the assistance of Colin Matthews.

What immediately strikes one about Tilson Thomas's *From the diary of Anne Frank* is its diversity of style. An easy-going quasi-pastoral idiom introducing the diary and its writer leads to a playful dodecaphonic passage, to a further non-tonal tumult of outraged protest, to a powerful Mahlerian/Bergian elegy for the victims of the Holocaust.

The disparities of style are mitigated to some extent by the return to the pastoral mode for the final musings on Anne's hopes for humanity. And one may perhaps regard the constant shifts of language and tone as a faithful reflection of the girl's own mercurial changes of mood, at least as suggested by this choice of extracts. But it is questionable whether a modest piece, lasting about half an hour, can ideally encompass such a variety of modes of expression, even when articulated as expertly as by Hepburn.

For the performance of his "cycle of five kids' songs", *I Hate Music!*, Leonard Bernstein insisted that "coyness is to be assiduously avoided". Soprano Louise Edeiken managed to sound neither coy nor patronising, while projecting a winning childlike persona to Tilson Thomas's piano accompaniment.

The concert ended with a vigorous performance of Britten's *Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra* and began with two short Wagner pieces, in the second of which, the irredeemably fulsome birthday tribute to the composer's wife, *Kinder-Katechismus*, the treble Daniel Ison stole the show with his unfailingly pure tone and sound musicianship.

BARRY MILLINGTON



Narrator in the "Childhood" series: Audrey Hepburn

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Les Biches Darcey Bussell as The Hostess. Photo by David Scheinmann

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BBC 1

6.40 Open University: Third World Studies — the Plough and the Hoe 7.05 Maths — Cayley's Theorem
7.30 Pinocchio. Animated adventures with the boy puppet
7.50 Kissyfur. Two animated tales of fun with the cuddly bear (r)
8.15 The 8.15 from Manchester. Children's magazine programme with music, videos, chat and competitions presented by Ross King, Dianne Oxberry and Charlotte Hindle. The guests are Boy George, and his new band Jesus Loves You, and mimic Simon Entwhistle
11.00 Cartoon: From A to Zzz
11.05 Film: Tubby the Tuba (1977). Classic children's animation about a tuba's search for his own identity away from the grand orchestra in which he plays. With the voices of Dick Van Dyke, Pearl Bailey and Hermione Gingold. Directed by Alexander Schure. Followed by Weather
12.30 Grandstand. Desmond Lynam introduces the day's sporting action. The line up is (subject to alteration): 12.35 Football: Australia v England from Sydney; 1.00 News; 1.05, 3.05 Golf: Dunhill British Masters from Woburn; 1.55, 2.25, 2.55 Racing from Lingfield Park: (2.00) *Daily Mail* HH and S Stakes; (2.30) *Daily Mail* Ideal Home Games Stakes; (3.00) *Daily Mail* Leisure Stakes; 2.05, 2.35 Motor Racing: Round four of the Esso British Touring Car Championship from Thruxton; highlights of the Indianapolis 500 4.25 Show Jumping: CSIO Nations Cup from Hickstead
5.05 News and weather 5.15 Regional News and sport
5.20 The Flying Doctors: Family Secrets. Undemanding drama series charting the adventures of a team of Australian airborne medics. In the second of a two-part story, Geoff's brother, Barry, is not only winning over the townsfolk at Cooper's Crossing but sets about winning Kate's heart as well, much to Geoff's chagrin. With Robert Grubb, Leonore Smith and Vince Martin. (Ceefax)
6.05 That's Showbusiness. Mike Smith hosts the entertainment quiz with team captains Kenny Everett and Gloria Hunniford joined by guests Angus Deayton, Leslie Grantham, Cleo Rocos and Gwen Taylor. (Ceefax)
6.35 You Gotta Be Jokin'. Anarchic sketches, impersonations, audience participation and stand-up comedy with Shane Richie, Annette Law, George Marshall, Maddi Cryer and Billy Pearce
7.05 Columbo: Lady in Waiting. Peter Falk dons his shabby raincoat to investigate a case of sibling rivalry. Beth Chadwick (Susan Clark) takes matters into her own hands when her brother Bryce (Richard Anderson) refuses to let her marry the family business's attorney. (Ceefax)
8.20 One Foot in the Grave: The Valley of Fear. Re-run of the wry comedy series starring Richard Wilson as Victor Meldrew, a mildewed 60-year-old having trouble coming to terms with his early retirement (r). (Ceefax)
8.50 News and Sport with Michael Buerk. Weather (Ceefax)
9.10 Casualty: Close to Home. Tonight's dose of authentic, stomach-churning drama from a West Country casualty ward sees a mother and her injured child trying to escape the attentions of a doctor and arousing the suspicions of Beth and Megan. With Brenda Fricker and Derek Thompson (r). (Ceefax)
10.00 Paramount City. Curtis and Ishmael of BBC2's *The Real McCoy* introduce a selection of slick acts from home and abroad including Charlie Fleischer, the voice of Roger Rabbit; comedienne Stephanie Hodge; and home-grown comics Felix and Owen O'Neil. Musical relief is provided by the Eighties songbird, Sheena Easton

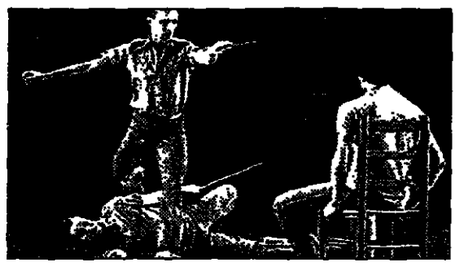


Into battle: an all-star cast leads the platoon (10.40pm)

10.40 Film: A Bridge Too Far (1977). William Goldman's dramatisation of the ill-fated Operation Market Garden, a flawed military strategy that saw the Allies defeated at Arnhem in 1944. The film is flawed as well, being overlong, over ambitious and sometimes difficult to follow. But the battle scenes are often spectacular and almost every part is played by a star. Look out for, among many others, Anthony Hopkins, Dirk Bogarde, James Caan, Sean Connery, Edward Fox and Laurence Olivier. Directed by Richard Attenborough
1.30am Weather

BBC 2

6.50 Open University
2.45 Mahabharat. Episode 50 of the 93-part Indian epic. In Hindi with English subtitles
3.25 The Sky at Night: Guarding Their Secrets. Dr Ian McHardy and Patrick Moore discuss BL Lacertae (r)
3.45 Film: Elvis — The Movie (1978). Originally made for American television, John Carpenter's cogent film biography stars Kurt Russell as the eponymous king of rock 'n' roll. The film traces Presley's life from his early childhood in Mississippi to his comeback concert in Las Vegas in 1969. Shelley Winters, Season Hubley and Bing Russell play Gladys, Priscilla and Vernon Presley, respectively
6.30 Late Again. Highlights of the week's *The Late Show*
7.15 News and Sport with Moira Stewart. Weather
7.30 Our War: Long Days in Gaza. The series of documentaries by film-makers from the Middle East continues with a portrait by Rashid Mashawari and Hany Abu-Assad of life for Palestinians living in the Gaza Strip since the end of the Gulf war



English National Ballet performing in *Swansong* (8.00pm)

8.00 Dancemakers. A ballet double-bill commences with *Soldat*, the Rambert Dance Company's interpretation of Stravinsky's *L'Histoire du Soldat*, with choreography by Ashley Page and designs by Bruce McLean. It is the story of a soldier who sells his soul to the devil in return for the hand of a beautiful princess. Followed by the English National Ballet's performance of Christopher Bruce's *Swansong*, a harrowing tale of physical and mental mistreatment of a prisoner by his two guards
9.10 The Comic Strip Presents . . . Oxford. Leslie Phillips and Ronald Allen join *Comic Strip* stalwarts French and Saunders, Ade Edmondson, Nigel Planer and Peter Richardson for fun and frolics on the campus of Oxford university (r)
9.50 The Wolvis Family: Breaking Through. Dr Wilcockson (Nicholas Woodeson) employs a few shock tactics (primal screaming, meditation and chanting) in his attempts to get Stuart Wolvis (Charlie Condou) to speak again. (Ceefax)
10.20 The Late Show Special: Demme
● CHOICE: Television programmes about new films often end up as bland promotional jobs, but here is an intelligent attempt to go beyond the PR handouts. The subject is Jonathan Demme's controversial thriller, *The Silence of the Lambs*, in which Jodie Foster plays a trainee FBI agent on the trail of a serial killer who murders and mutilates his female victims. There is plenty to talk about, notably the film's huge box office success in the United States and critical reactions which have both praised the film as a feminist statement and condemned it for encouraging violence against women. The programme explores these and other issues through interviews with Foster, Demme, members of the production team and American critics. The format of brief quotes, interspersed with equally brief clips, tends to fragment the discussion and most viewers will be handicapped by not having seen the film, which has only just opened in Britain. But no one will be able to accuse the programme of being a plug
11.00 Video Diaries: Surviving Memories
● CHOICE: On Christmas Eve last year the photographer Jo Spence was told she had lymphatic leukaemia and possibly a return of breast cancer. In her work, Spence uses photography as a therapy. Her video diary performs the same function. It shows her facing up to her illness by spurning orthodox treatment and revitalising her body through diet, detoxification and herbal medicine. It also charts a difficult reunion with her estranged brother, who has been living 300 miles away in Devon. To further the process of reconciliation they go back into their family history, leafing through old snaps and returning to the childhood home. Their memories converge on their mother, who worked herself to an early death, and their father, who followed within weeks. It is an intensely personal and very honest film, which holds nothing back. Inevitably, perhaps, there is no neat ending
12.00 Twin Peaks. A repeat of last Tuesday's episode in which both Gordon Cole's (David Lynch) and Dale Cooper (Kyle McLachlan) fall in love, and the villainous Windom Earle continues his lethal game of chess. (Ceefax). Ends at 12.55am

ITV

6.00 TV-am
9.25 Ghost Train. Chills and thrills with Frances Dodge and Sabra Williams. Five New Kids on the Block fans get to meet their idols and attend their concert. Mafia and Mervin are on the Bool trail and there is cartoon fun with *Trapdoor* and *The Real Ghostbusters*
11.30 The ITV Chart Show. Video run-down with the specialist indie chart and *Vintage Videos* from John Cougar
12.30 World Sport Special. Sports action from around the globe
1.00 ITN News with Sue Carpenter. LWT Weather 1.10 The Day 1.15 Cartoon Time
1.20 Golf. The PGA Memorial tournament
2.20 Film: Half a Sixpence (1967). A musical adaptation of the H.G. Wells novel *Kipps*, with an engaging performance from Tommy Steele as an orphan who is apprenticed to a draper in a nearby town. Before he leaves he has a sixpence cut in half and gives one part to his beloved Ann (Julia Foster). A rags to riches story with lively musical numbers, but at nearly two-and-a-half hours it tends to outstay its welcome. Steele also played the role in the West End and on Broadway. Directed by George Sidney
5.00 News with Sue Carpenter. Weather 5.05 LWT News and weather
5.10 MacGyver: Three for the Road. Action-packed drama series starring Richard Dean Anderson as the American secret agent and science boffin Steve MacGyver. This week he is called on to protect an elderly couple (Edward B. Mulhare and Anne Rogers), who have unwittingly become involved in a counterfeiting operation
6.10 Wayne Dobson: A Kind of Magic. ITV's answer to Paul Daniels with more off-beat magic, assisted by Linda Lusardi and Ringo Rabbit (aka Richard Coombs) who tries to answer the £64,000 carrot question
6.40 Bob's Your Uncle. Veteran comic Bob Monkhouse hosts the slapstick gameshow with newlywed couples egged on in embarrassing stunts with names such as *Bob's Biggie*, *Brides in the Briney* and *Galloping Grooms*. Bob promises a celebration of the British sense of the absurd and is assisted by hostesses Donna Derby and Kathy Lloyd
7.25 Agatha Christie's Poirot: The Third Floor Flat. Stylish Thirties sleuthing with David Suchet as the wily Belgian and Hugh Fraser as Captain Hastings. Poirot investigates the murder of Mrs Ernestine Grant (played by comedienne Josie Lawrence) in the third floor flat of his London apartment (r)
8.25 Duty Free: El Macho. Keith Barron and Gwen Taylor star in the award-winning comedy about the misunderstandings among two couples on package holidays on the Costa del Sol. Joanna Van Gyseghem and Neil Stacey make up the quartet (r). (Oracle)
8.55 News with Sue Carpenter. Weather



Marked man: Shadoe Stevens (right) receives a tip off (9.15pm)

9.15 Film: Loose Cannon: Flashback (1989). Shadoe Stevens stars as Max Monroe, yet another Los Angeles cop but with hints of our own *Inspector Morse* since he is also a chess grandmaster and a gourmet cook. In this pilot episode for a series that will go on air later in the year, Monroe is warned by a former crime boss that he is a marked man, and, to complicate matters, the beautiful, chess-playing Rachel Dunbar (Shelagh McLeod) is due in town
11.05 Metro. Ian Dury and Arabella Weir host the arts and entertainment guide to the capital. The guest is the actor Anthony Hopkins
11.40 Film: Nine Deaths of the Ninja (1985). A low-budget spoof on martial arts movies. Sho Kosugi stars as Spike Shinobi, a man sent by the US embassy in Manila to rescue a bus full of tourists who are being held hostage. The tennis star Vijay Amritraj (who also served as executive producer) appears in a cameo role. Directed by Emmett Alston
1.20am Up the Junction. American comic Will Durst hosts the show at the Junction Club in Cambridge. Last in the series
2.05 Night Heat: Trapped. Detectives Giambone (Jeff Wincott) and O'Brian (Scott Hylands) become involved when the mugging of a young girl leaves her with far-reaching emotional problems
3.00 Ten Pin Bowling. Highlights from the Ten High British Classic, staged in Stirling earlier this year
3.30 The Hit Man and Her
5.30 ITN Morning News with Sue Carpenter. Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Comic Book 7.30 Pet World (r) 8.00 Trans World Sport
9.00 News Summary 9.04 Channel 4 Racing: The Morning Line
9.25 Sing and Swing. Jazz stars of the Thirties and Forties (r)
9.30 Listening Eye. The provision of sign language interpreters (r)
10.00 Images: Icons. The series devoted to the first 150 years of the history of photography draws to a close with a look at the camera-wielders. Narrated by Diana Quick (r). (Teletext)
10.30 Wagon Train: The Flint McCullough Story (b/w)
11.30 World League of American Football. The London Monarchs face the Barcelona Dragons in the final game of the season
12.30 The Munsters: Rock-a-Bye Munster (b/w). More ghoulish laughs from America's most bizarre household (r)
1.00 Film: A Night to Remember (1958, b/w). Kenneth More heads the cast in this British retelling of the sinking of the *Titanic*. The plot stays well afloat thanks to an intelligent script by novelist Eric Ambler and director Roy Baker's refusal to over-dramatise
3.20 Film: You'll Never Get Rich (1941, b/w). A hugely enjoyable Cole Porter musical, revived for the Porter centenary and starring Fred Astaire in the first of his two pairings with Rita Hayworth. Robert Curtis (Astaire) plucks Sheila Winthrop (Hayworth) from the chorus line but their dance partnership falters when Curtis is drafted into the army. Directed by Sidney Lanfield
4.55 Sunny Side Up. Animated film from The Netherlands
5.05 Brookside. Omnibus edition (r). (Teletext)
6.30 News Summary and weather followed by Right to Reply. (Teletext)
7.00 Sound Stuff: You're the Top — the Cole Porter Story
● CHOICE: A repeated American documentary on Cole Porter covers mainly familiar ground, recalling its subject's wealthy background, marriage to a woman even richer than he was and the dreadful riding accident which smashed both his legs and left him a cripple for life. It is discreet about his homosexuality and emphasises how hard he worked, alternating Hollywood film scores with Broadway shows, when he did not need the money. But despite, or perhaps because of, the involvement of the Porter family, the portrait stays mainly on the surface. It is particularly disappointing that no attempt is made to analyse Porter's musical achievement, or to place it in a wider context. Anodyne tributes from grizzled veterans such as Bob Hope and Gene Kelly are no substitute. The good news is that the film manages to include clips of almost every well-known Porter song (r)



A famous story retold: the sinking of the Bismarck (8.00pm)

8.00 Adventures: Bismarck — Up Close and Personal
● CHOICE: In 1988 an American, Dr Robert Ballard, used state of the art technology to find and film the wreck of the Titanic. Two years later, despite misgivings from some of the survivors, he went to look for the remains of the Bismarck, the German battleship sunk by British torpedoes in 1941. He set out with a British crew in a converted deep-sea trawler and a film unit went with him. Graham Hurley's documentary follows Ballard and his team as they travel 300 miles out into the Atlantic to search for the wreck, and intercuts the story of how the Bismarck was built, launched and met its end. To start with, Ballard's sonar equipment struggles to locate anything on the sea bed that can possibly be connected with the ship. The result is that the events of 1941 come across as far more interesting, even if they have been recounted on television before. But the balance is eventually restored. (Teletext)
9.00 thirtysomething: Guns and Roses. Well-written American drama tracing the lives of seven friends in their mid-thirties. (Teletext)
10.00 Film: Charulata (1964, b/w). The young and beautiful wife of the publisher of an English-language political weekly spends her time reading novels and doing needlework. Her loneliness is eventually assuaged by the arrival of her husband's young cousin. One of Satyajit Ray's most accessible films, set in a western-style mansion with Victorian décor, and a script full of allusions to western literature and politics
12.15am On the Other Hand: Post Gulf — the Hero Vacuum. During the Gulf conflict Saddam Hussein achieved hero status. Writer and journalist Dilip Hiro, Dr Haleh Afshar, Malik M. Afzal and Rukhsana Ahmad discuss the absence of Asian heroes
12.55 Australian Rules Football. Stephen Quartermain presents highlights from the week's matches. Ends at 1.55



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10.00 Caddyshack 2 (1988): Comedy about a down-to-earth millionaire who wages a small-scale class war on members of an exclusive golf club. Stars Jackie Mason
12.00 The Birch Interval (1976): A young girl experiences difficulties when she goes to live with Amish relatives
2.00 Her Alibi (1989): Tom Selleck plays a writer who falls for a beautiful murder suspect. Stars Paulina Porizkova
4.00 Delta Fever (1987): On holiday at an American waterside resort, a young man is forced to take on more adult responsibilities. With Lee Garrett
5.40 Entertainment Tonight
6.00 Big (1988): Comedy about a young boy whose wish to become a grown-up suddenly comes true. Stars Tom Hanks and Elizabeth Perkins
8.00 See No Evil, Hear No Evil (1989): Gene Wilder and Richard Pryor play a deaf man and his blind assistant who team up to solve a murder case
10.00 Hellbound: Hellraiser II (1989): A diabolical stepmother joins forces with a maniac medic to frighten a woman. Stars Clare Higgins
11.35 Eleven Days, Eleven Nights, Part 2 (1988): A young woman investigating prostitution is drawn into a world of vice. Stars Jessica Moore
1.05 Nightflyers (1988): The crew of a spaceship are threatened by a strange presence on board. Stars Michael Praed
2.40 A Nightmare On Elm Street 3: Dream Warriors (1987): Freddy Krueger continues his quest to eliminate America's youth, only to have some of his prey fight back
4.20-5.50am Def-Con IV (1988): Astronauts return to Earth and find it has turned into a post-holocaust anarchic slum, overrun by punks and mutants

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.15am Little Miss Marker (1980): Sentimental tale of a child left as an IOU for a gambling debt. Stars Walter Matthau
8.15 Baby, Take A Bow (1934, b/w): Shirley Temple in her movie debut plays a child who helps clear her father of theft charges
10.15 Treasure Island (1972). Lively version of the classic pirate novel. With Orson Welles
12.15 Comanche (1956): A Red Indian tries to end the battle between his people and white settlers. Stars Dana Andrews
2.15 The Big Bus (1976). Disaster movie spoof set aboard an atomic-powered bus. Stars Stockard Channing and Joseph Bologna
4.15 Big Top Pee Wee (1988): Offbeat comedy in which Pee Wee Herman, a crazy farmer, invites a circus to set up on his land. Stars Paul Reubens
6.00 The Adventures of Baron Munchausen (1989). Rambling fantasy adventure about a baron and his amazing servants who go to the rescue of a European city. Stars Eric Idle and Sarah Polley
8.15 When Harry Met Sally (1989): Comedy tracing the ups and downs of a platonic friendship which eventually develops into romance. Stars Billy Crystal and Meg Ryan
9.50 Spotlight: Paul Cole looks at next week's films on the Movie Channel
10.15 Twins (1988): Arnold Schwarzenegger and Danny DeVito play an unlikely pair of twins who team up to search for their mother
12.05 The Big Man (1990): A fighter agrees to take part in an illegal boxing match set up by Glasgow crooks. Stars Liam Neeson and Joanne Whalley-Kilmer
2.00 War Zone (1989): Two journalists look for in-depth stories in war-torn Beirut in this tense thriller. With Christopher Walken
3.40-5.30am The Last Dragon (1985): Kung fu fiasco about a black martial arts fan who takes on an old pro. Stars Talmak and Julius J. Carey III

SKY SPORTS

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
9.30am BOC Round The World Update 10.00 Matchroom League Snooker 12.30pm Australian Rugby League 2.30 Tuff Trax 3.30 Motor World 4.00 American Sports Calvacade 5.00 NWA Wrestling 6.00 Kick-Boxing 7.00 Red Line 8.00 Ringside — Live Boxing 10.00 Isle Of Man TT Races 10.30 Scottish Football Review 12.30 Ringside

SCREENSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite.
8.00am US Grand Prix Show Jumping 9.00 Motor Sport Indy Car 10.00 Motor Sport Nascar 12.00 Mud & Monsters 1.00pm Argentina Football 2.00 International Speedway 3.00 Live Asian Challenge Snooker 5.30 Motor Sport F3 6.00 Powersports International 8.00 International Football 10.00 Motor Sport IMSA 11.00 Live SSS Asian Challenge Snooker 12.00 Motor Sport F3 12.30 European Kickboxing 2.30 Motor Sport Indy Car 3.30 US PGA Golf Tour 5.30 IAAF Grand Prix Athletics

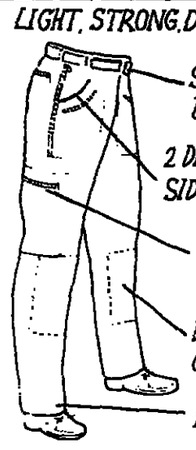
LIFESTYLE

● Via the Astra satellite.
12.00 Annie Oakley 12.30pm The Bill Dana Show 1.00 The Joan Rivers Show 1.55 The Detectives 2.50 Spain Holiday 3.05 Roller Derby 4.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Programme 8.00 Close 10.00 Satellite Jukebox

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RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. 4.00am Jenny Costello 7.00 The Bruno and Liz Breakfast Show 10.00 Dave Lee Travis 1.00pm Adrian Juste 2.00 The Paul Simon Songbook. Still Crazy, presented by Stuart Grundy (part 5) 3.00 The Saturday Sequence with Richard Skinner 7.00 Saturday Rock Show 10.00 In Concert: The Orb at the Brixton Fridge 11.00 John Peel 2.00am Neale James

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 4.00am Steve Madden with The Early Show 6.00 Graham Knight 7.45 Dear Radio 2 8.05 Ronnie Hilton with Sounds of the Fifties 9.00 Brian Matthew with Sounds of the Sixties 10.00 Anne Robinson 12.00 Gerald Harper 1.30pm Someone and the Grumbleweeds 2.00 Encore with Dave Gelly 3.00 Country Greats in Concert 4.00 The John Dunn Interviews 4.30 Music While You Work 5.00 Cinema 2 5.30 The Law Game 6.00 Things Are Swinging. The BBC Big Band directed by Barry Forgie with guest singer Angela Christian 7.00 Pop Score 7.30 Radio 2 Jazz Season 8.30 Radio 2 Jazz Season "Bix and His Friends" Miles Kington introduces a tribute to Bix Beiderbecke, featuring Guy Barker with Keith Nichols and his orchestra at the Queen Elizabeth Hall, London 9.30 Easy Does It with the BBC Big Band 10.00 The Radio 2 Arts Programme with Sheridan Morley 12.05am It's a Funny Business: Mike Craig talks to comedy actor John Inman 12.30am Night Ride 3.00 A Little Night Music

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service: World News; 24 Hours 5.30 Morning Edition with Jon Briggs; incl News & Sport at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30, 9.00 On Sportscall Phone-in quiz with Danny Baker 0345 909693 1.30 Sport On 5 With Jon Inverdale. Golf: Dunhill British Masters, the third round from Woburn. Football: Third Division promotion play-offs. Cricket: reports from Leicestershire v the West Indies, plus scoreboards from the Britannic Assurance County Championship Racing from Lingfield Park 2.15 Daily Mail Headline Handicap. 3.15 Daily Mail Leisure Stakes. Tennis: the French Championships from Roland Garros 6.00 As Radio 4 7.10 Cricket Scoreboard 7.15 Talking Poetry: War, with guest poet Adrian Mitchell 7.45 As Radio 4 10.00 Sport 10.15 As Radio 4 11.00 Sport 11.15 Parkinson on Five 12.00 News & Sport 12.15am Close

WORLD SERVICE

5.30 The World Today 5.45 News headlines in English and French 5.47 British Press Review 5.52 World Business Report 5.57 Travel and Weather News 6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Londres Matin 6.59 Weather 7.00 Newsdesk 7.30 Meridian 8.00 News 8.09 24 Hours; News Summary 8.30 From the Weeklies 8.45 Master Singers 9.00 News 9.09 Words of Faith 9.15 A Jolly Good Show 10.00 News 10.05 Waveguide 10.15 Worldbrief 10.30 Personal View 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 News Summary 11.15 Club 648 11.30 Londres Midi 11.45 Mittagsmagazin 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30 Meridian 1.00 News 1.09 News About Britain 1.15 Multitrack 3 1.45 Sports Roundup 2.00 Newshour 3.00 News Summary 3.01 Sportsworld 4.00 News 4.15 BBC English 4.30 News and Features in German 4.59 Travel News 5.00 World and British News 5.15 BBC English 5.30 Londres Soir 6.14 Letter from America 6.25 News Summary 6.30 Heute Aktuell 7.00 German features 7.54 News in German 8.00 News 8.05 Write On... 8.15 Londres Dernière 8.30 Club 648 8.45 From the Weeklies 9.00 News 9.09 Personal View 9.25 Words of Faith 9.30 Meridian 10.00 Newshour 11.00 News 11.05 Seeing Stars 11.20 Jazz for the Asking 11.50 Sports Roundup 12.00 News 12.05 Words of Faith 12.10 Book Choice 12.15 A Jolly Good Show 1.00 Newsdesk 1.30 The Ken Bruce Show 2.00 News Summary 2.01 Play of the week. Here is Monster 3.00 Newsdesk 3.30 The Uttermost Part of the Earth 4.00 News 4.09 News about Britain 4.15 From Our Own Correspondent 4.35 Write On... 4.45 News and features in German

ITV VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Motorsport Specials 1.10 Windsurfi 1.40 Brand New Life 2.40 Film: The Buccaneer (Yul Brynner) 4.50-5.00 Cartoon Time 5.15-6.10 The A-Team 11.05 Film: Momma Dearest (Faye Dunaway) 1.30am Hooperman 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 Kick Boxing 5.00-5.30 Children's Island

BORDER

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 The Munster Today 1.10 The Silk Road 2.10 Film: The Gorbals Story (Howard Connell) 3.40-5.00 Film: A Cry in the Wilderness (George Kennedy) 5.15-6.10 The A-Team 11.05 Dadah is Death 12.50am Elvis Presley — One Night With You 1.50 The Rolling Stones — In Profile 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 CinemAttractions 4.30 America's Top Ten 5.00-5.30 Sports Action

CENTRAL

As London except: 12.30pm Australian Candid Camera 1.40 Film: Son of Robin Hood 3.15-5.00 Film: The People That Time Forgot 5.15-6.10 The A-Team 11.05 CinemAttractions 11.35 Film: Badlands Justice (Alex McArthur) 1.20am Friday the 13th — The Series 2.15 Film: Murphy's Law 4.00 America's Top Ten 4.30-5.30 Central Jobfinder '91

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As London except: 1.10pm Seaill 1.40 Crann Tara 2.10 Coronation Street 3.05 Film: Tiger Bay 5.10 Crimesgan 5.15-6.10 The A-Team 11.05 Dadah is Death 12.50am Elvis Presley — One Night With You 1.50 The Rolling Stones — In Profile 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 CinemAttractions 4.30 America's Top Ten 5.00-5.30 Sports Action

GRANADA

As London except: 12.30-1.00pm Expressi 1.10 Hard Time on Planet Earth 2.05 Island in the Snow 3.35-5.00 McCloud: The Disposal Man 5.15-6.10 The A-Team 11.05 Dadah is Death 12.50am Elvis Presley — One Night With You 1.50 The Rolling Stones — In Profile 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 CinemAttractions 4.30 America's Top Ten 5.00-5.30 Sports Action

HTV WEST

As London except: 12.30-1.00pm The Spectacular World of Guinness Records 1.10 World Sport Special 1.40 Film: Radio Cab Murder' 3.00 World Cup Yacht Racing 4.00 German Touring Car Championships 5.15-6.10 The A-Team 11.05 Witness to Survival 11.30 Out of Limits 11.40 Film: Nine Deaths of the Ninja 1.25am Up The Junction 2.10 Night Heat 3.05 Ten Pin Bowling 3.35-5.30 The Hit Man and Her

HTV WALES

As HTV West except: No variations

SCOTTISH

As London except: 12.30-1.00pm The Spectacular World of Guinness Records 1.05 Scotland Today 1.10 Seaill 1.40 The Big Fish 2.40 The Munsters Today 3.10-5.00 Film: The Legend of the Lone Ranger 5.15-6.10 The A-Team 11.05 Sins 12.50am Casey Kasem 1.45 Friday the 13th 2.40 CinemAttractions 3.10 Film: Sands of the Kalahari (Stuart Whitman, Stanley Baker) 5.20-5.30 Jobfinder

TSW

As London except: 12.30-1.00pm The South West Week 1.10 Windsurfi 1.40 The Spectacular World of Guinness Records 2.10 Film: Sky Heist (Don Meredith, Joseph Campanella) 4.00-5.00 Horse Trials 11.05 Dadah is Death 12.50am Elvis Presley — One Night With You 1.50 The Rolling Stones — In Profile 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 CinemAttractions 4.30 America's Top Ten 5.00-5.30 Sports Action

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As London except: 1.10pm Matlock 2.05 Film: Island in the Snow 5.15-6.10 The A-Team 11.05 Dadah is Death 12.50am Elvis Presley — One Night With You 1.50 The Rolling Stones — In Profile 2.00 CinemAttractions 4.30 America's Top Ten 5.00-5.30 Sports Action

ULSTER

As London except: 12.30-1.00pm The Pintubi 1.10 Wrestling 2.10 The A-Team 3.10 The Munsters Today 3.45 Highway to Heaven 4.45-5.00 Cartoon 5.15-6.10 Magnum 11.05 Dadah is Death 12.50am Elvis Presley — One Night With You 1.50 The Rolling Stones — In Profile 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 CinemAttractions 4.30 America's Top Ten 5.00-5.30 Sports Action

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 12.30-1.00pm Katts and Dog 1.05 Calendar News 1.10 McLoud 2.25 The Spectacular World of Guinness Records 3.00 Film: Mysterious Island (Michael Craig, Herbert Lom) 4.50-5.00 Cartoon Time 5.05 Calendar News 5.15-6.10 The A-Team 11.05 Film: Honkytonk Man (Clint Eastwood) 1.20am Mystery Theatre 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 Special Squad 4.50 Superboy 5.15-5.30 The Best in Football

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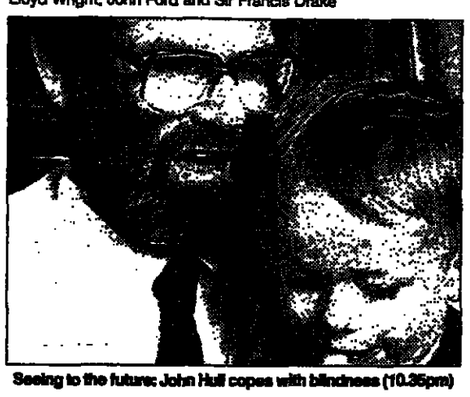
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RADIO 3

6.35-6.55am (FM only) Open University
6.55 Weather; News Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Dvořák (Overture, My Home, Op 62); Bach (Oboe d'amore Concerto in A, BMV 1055)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Reger (A Ballet Suite, Op 130); Pergolesi (Concerto No 6 in E flat); Strauss (Symphonic Fantasy, Die Frau ohne Schatten)
8.30 News
8.35 Ulster Orchestra under Robert Houlihan, with Christopher Blake, horn, performs Franck (Les Eolides); Pierné (Serenade); Chebrier (Larghetto); Poulenc (Sinfonietta) (r)
9.30 Saturday Review, with Richard Osborne. Record Review: Building a Library: Rachmaninov's Preludes by Bryce Morrison. Paul Griffiths reviews two new Hindemith series and concertos by Maxwell Davies and Birtwistle; Record Release: Hindemith (Ludus Tonalis Nos 1-4); Rachmaninov (Vespers, Op 37, extract); Maxwell Davies (Trumpet Concerto); Arensky (Quartet in A, Op 35, for violin, viola and two cellos); Bizet (L'Arlésienne, Incidental music); Hindemith (Concert music for strings and brass, Op 50)
12.55pm Words
1.00 News
1.05-4.00am: Twin Cities Weekend: Radio 3 moves to Minneapolis-St Paul in Minnesota for a special live weekend of programmes reflecting the American Midwest state 1.05 John Drummond and John Tusa look ahead to the weekend's highlights
1.30 Morning Concert
2.15 Minnesota Orchestra: John Drummond talks to the conductor, Edo de Weert, and the music director and president of the orchestra, Deborah Borda, before a recent recording from the Orchestra Hall, Minneapolis: Strauss (Till Eulenspiegel); John Adams (Harmonium: Minnesota Chorale); Tchaikovsky (Piano Concerto No 1 in B flat minor: André Watts, piano)
4.00 Walker Arts Center: Christopher Cook talks to participants in and organisers of two events — open air performances in the Sculpture Garden and a new exhibition, *Sculpture in the 80s*
4.30 Arts in the Twin Cities: the multi-ethnic cultural life of Minneapolis-St Paul
5.00 Lydia Artymiw, piano, live from the University of Minnesota, performs Scarlatti (Sonatas in E, Kk521, and in C, Kk406); Beethoven (Sonata in C, Op 2 No 3); Debussy (Masques; D'un cahier d'esquisses; L'Isle joyeuse)
6.00 Snapshot: The architectural highlights of Summit Avenue
6.15 Curveball, Spitball, Knuckleball, Strike: Russell Davies talks to John Updike, George V. Higgins, George Plimpton and Roger Angell to learn about the importance of baseball to Americans
7.05 The Aspen Papers: Opera by Dominick Argento based on Henry James's novella. Minnesota Opera Chorus; St Paul CO under George Manahan; 8.15-9.30 Michael Berkeley talks to Dominick Argento; Act II
9.30 Snapshot: Alistair Cooke recalls his experiences in the Mayo Clinic at Rochester, Minnesota
9.40 The Method and the Madness: Geoff Watts explores why, in a state noted for its medical advances, three-quarters of a million people lack adequate health insurance
10.05 Mitropoulos in Minneapolis: Michael Berkeley introduces recordings made by Dmitri Mitropoulos during his tenure as conductor of the Minneapolis Symphony from 1936 to 1949. Lalo (Overture, Le Ro

BBC 1

6.45 Open University. Ends at 8.50
8.55 Playdays (r) 9.15 Movable Feasts: Tough at the Bottom (r)
9.30 This Is the Day. Gillian Strange reveals how her relationship with God helped her cope with her daughter's death from leukaemia. (Ceefax)
10.00 When in France: Grasse/Marseilles. Learning to speak French (r)
10.25 Discovering Portuguese. Last in the series (r)
10.50 Step Up to Wordpower (r). (Ceefax)
11.15 Advice Shop. Coping with anxiety and depression (r)
11.40 Bazaar. A pot-pourri of handy hints (r)
12.05 Sign Extra: Europeans — Romania (r)
12.30 Country File. Wales: Farming in Wales 12.55 Weather
1.00 News followed by On the Record. Jonathan Dimbleby talks to William Waldegrave, the health secretary
2.00 EastEnders. Omnibus edition (r). (Ceefax)
3.00 Dallas: Tunnel of Love. Seminal soap about the oil-rich Ewing family. (Ceefax)
3.45 Film: Something Big (1971). Western with touches of comedy about a retiring cavalry colonel who stages one last showdown with an old enemy. Starring Dean Martin, Brian Keith and Honor Blackman. Directed by Andrew V. McLaglen. (Ceefax) 5.25 Cartoons
5.45 Masterchef 1991. Loyd Grossman is joined by cricketer David Gower and food writer Sophie Grigson. (Ceefax)
6.15 Lifeline. Actress Jean Alexander appeals on behalf of the Winged Fellowship trust, which provides holidays for people with severe physical disabilities
6.25 News with Moira Stewart. Weather
6.40 Songs of Praise. Pam Rhodes introduces hymns sung in the Worksop priory in Nottinghamshire. (Ceefax)
7.15 Butterflies. Carla Lane's bitter-sweet sitcom from the Seventies starring Wendy Craig as Ria, a bored housewife trapped in her gilded cage (r). (Ceefax)
7.45 All Creatures Great and Small: A Cat in Hull's Chance. Everyday stories of veterinary folk, starring Christopher Timothy, Robert Hardy and Peter Davison (r). (Ceefax)
8.35 Tonight at 8.30: Shadow Play. A trip to the theatre causes Victoria Goforth (Joan Collins) to question her husband's fidelity. (Ceefax)
9.05 News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Weather
9.20 That's Life! Esther Rantzen and team present another hotchpotch of investigations, humour and real-life stories
10.00 Mastermind: The Final. Magnus Magnusson presents the nineteenth *Mastermind* final from the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst. The contestants air their knowledge of Rommel, Frank Lloyd Wright, John Ford and Sir Francis Drake



Seeing to the future: John Hull copes with blindness (10.35pm)

10.35 Everyman: Touching the Rock
● CHOICE: John Hull, professor of religious education at Birmingham university, gives a moving account of his descent into blindness and how he has come to terms with it. He began losing his sight when he was a teenager and he became completely blind ten years ago. The key to his approach was his refusal to accept the loss and a determination to hold his life together. It was, he says, like taking up residence in another world. His relationship with friends, family and God underwent a profound change. Every human experience, whether eating, playing with his children or drinking at the university bar, was transformed. Setting down his impressions of his new world helped him to make sense of his emotions and he has come to think of blindness as an opportunity *rather than a handicap. He even calls it a gift.* Northern Ireland: The Championship
11.15 Walk the Talk: Race For the Pitch. An advertising agency highlights the importance of team work. Northern Ireland: 11.25 Everyman
11.40 Mahabharat. In Hindi with English subtitles (r). 12.20am Weather. Northern Ireland: 12.05am Walk the Talk; 12.30-1.30 Mahabharat

BBC 2

6.35 Open University: Culture and Belief in Europe 1450-1600 7.00 Inorganic Chemistry — Bonding 7.25 The Midlands Enlightenment 7.50 Understanding Space and Time 8.15 Engineering Mechanics 8.40 Arts — A New Museum 9.05 The Politics of Equal Opportunity 9.55 Arts — The Great Exhibition 10.20 Mammals in Water 10.45 Maths — Catastrophe Theory 11.10 Living Choice — New Dimensions 11.35 Organic Molecules in Action
12.00 Running Away with Dad. Two-year-old Richard and his dad join a unique group called Kids and Dads, where fathers take sole responsibility for their children (r)
12.30 One in Four. In nazi Germany, 200,000 disabled people were systematically murdered. Today in Germany, the debate for non-voluntary euthanasia has begun once again. With signing and subtitles for the deaf and hard of hearing (r). (Ceefax)
1.00 Open University: Curriculum and Learning. The pros and cons of taking exams
1.25 Sunday Grandstand. Introduced by Bob Wilson. The line-up is (subject to alteration): 1.30, 3.20 Show Jumping: Emirates Airline Nations Cup from Hickstead; 3.00 Motor Racing: Sixth round of the British Formula 3 from Thruxton; 4.30 Golf: Final round of the Dunhill British Masters, Woburn
6.35 The Money Programme: Mexican New Deal. John Penycate examines Mexico's prospects for economic development as a free trade area for the whole of North America
7.15 Great Journeys: Russia's Road West. Norman Stone, the combative professor of modern history at Oxford university, travels through some of the Soviet Union's most troubled areas and wonders whether Lenin's legacy can finally be buried. Showing off his Russian, he talks to people living in the Baltic states of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania and listens to their growing frustrations over Mikhail Gorbechev's perestroika (r). (Ceefax)



Post-glasnost: Norman Stone visits the Baltic states (7.15pm)

8.10 Relative Values: The Sweet Smell of Success
● CHOICE: Having dealt with collectors last week, the series on the workings of the art market moves naturally on to dealers. Three are featured in Nick Rossiter's lively film, chosen for comparison and contrast. Julian Agnew represents the British approach, gentlemanly, secretive, elitist, with business often conducted over meals or at parties. A sixth generation father-to-son heir, Agnew specialises in Old Masters and says that buying art is a nice way of spending large sums of money. When he is not producing films in Hollywood, Arnold Glimcher is president of the powerful Pace Gallery. It occupies a gleaming eight-floor block in Manhattan and handles blue chip moderns. The selling is more pushy than at Agnew's, the prices just as high. Roddick's third subject is Nicole Klagsbrun, a Belgian-born dealer from New York's SoHo who prides herself on spotting new talent
9.05 Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy. George Smiley (Alec Guinness) continues his search for the traitor in part five of the stylishly mounted, faultlessly acted and almost incomprehensible adaptation by Arthur Hopcraft of the novel by John le Carré. With Michael Jayston, Anthony Bate and John Standing (r). (Ceefax)
9.50 Motor Racing: Canadian Grand Prix. Brazil's Ayrton Senna and Britain's Nigel Mansell are among the big names competing on the Montreal circuit which is notorious for its long straights followed by sharp corners requiring hard braking and speedy re-acceleration. The back straight is extremely fast with drivers able to reach speeds of 185mph. Murray Walker and James Hunt are the commentators
10.35 Moviedrome: Alex Cox introduces Knightriders (1981), a fantasydrama from *Night of the Living Dead* director George Romero, being shown for the first time on British network televison. An impressive homage to the Arthurian legend, it also encompasses references to Sixties counter-culture and the free-wheeling hippie lifestyle. Billy and his troupe of modern-day knights travel the American countryside staging medieval fairs at which they joust on motorcycles. The travellers are dedicated to the chivalric ideals of honour and fair play, ideals which are put to the test by the arrival of big city promoters and agents. Ed (*The Abyss*) Harris stars as Billy, the knight's leader, with make-up and special effects creator Tom Savini as Morgan, his second-in-command. The horror writer Stephen King can also be glimpsed in a cameo role as a drunken spectator. (Ceefax)
1.10am Def II: Dance Energy II. Presented by Normski (r). Ends at 1.35

ITV

6.00 TV-am
9.25 Film: Hero in the Family (1986). Second part of a charming Disney adventure starring Cliff de Young as a top Nasa astronaut, who loses his mind in a space accident to a chimpanzee
10.20 The Littlest Hobo. Hobo helps to prove a pawnbroker's innocence when he is accused of selling a couple's wedding ring
10.45 Link. Peter White examines the difficulties of claiming compensation after being disabled at work
11.00 Morning Worship. Highlights of Friday's mass held to dedicate the Roman Catholic cathedral in Brentwood, Essex
12.00 Working Miracles. In the first of a new series, Heather Duncan explains her belief that divine intervention helped her to walk again
12.30 LWT News Weekend
1.00 News at One with Sue Carpenter. Weather
1.10 Special Inquiry: The Soviet Disunion. Donald MacCormick interviews Valentin Pavlov, the Soviet prime minister. Followed by The Day
2.05 Film: Carry On Behind (1975). The *Carry On* team excavates few laughs as Professor Crump (Kenneth Williams) and his students cavort around the remains of an old Roman site. The German actress Elke Sommer provides a touch of glamour as a Russian archaeologist, but the series was nearing its end and the cheap, wet English locations tend to dampen the proceedings. Directed by Gerald Thomas
3.45 Film: The Biggest Bank Robbery (1980). A British comedy thriller directed by Ralph Thomas, the brother of *Carry On Behind*'s Gerald Thomas. Elke Sommer pops up once again, this time as the sexy secretary of a bank manager whose establishment is about to be robbed by the villainous Ivan the Terrible (David Niven). Also known under the more esoteric title of *A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square*. Directed by Ralph Thomas 5.45 Cartoon Time
6.00 Bullseye. Jim Bowen hosts the darts and general knowledge gameshow
6.30 ITN News and weather. 6.35 LWT News and weather
6.40 A Day Out with Dana. The Irish singer meets members of a Christian motor-cycling organisation and visits St Thomas's hospital in London
7.15 The Help Squad. Michael Parkinson hosts the advice and investigations series which aims to solve viewers' personal, career and consumer problems



Class conflicts: Bob Peck and Janet McTeer (7.50pm)

7.50 Catherine Cookson's The Black Velvet Gown
● CHOICE: The Catherine Cookson season continues with an emotion-tugging story set in the 1830s about Riah Millican, a Durham miner's widow (Janet McTeer) who is left penniless with three young children to support. But not for long. She is taken on as housekeeper by the reclusive Percival Miller, played by Bob Peck, who looks, and sounds, like Scrooge. It is a story of two halves, with an interval of eight years. But the themes are constant: love thwarted and love triumphant and the class barriers which even education cannot surmount. Biddy (Geraldine Somerville), Riah's daughter, can not only read and write but also speaks French. But these impressive qualifications only get her a job as a laundrymaid and her upper-crust employers see her learning as a threat to their social dominance. The black velvet gown belongs to Miller's mother and you can bet that it is symbolic. (Teletext)
10.10 News with Sue Carpenter. Weather 10.25 LWT Weather
10.30 Singles: Cold Feet. Perceptive romantic sitcom starring Roger Rees, Judy Loe, Eamon Boland and Susie Blake as four lonely people who meet in a singles bar. The double wedding of Pamela to Malcolm and Jackie to Clive approaches and almost anything that can go wrong does (r). (Oracle)
11.00 The Shape of the World: The Writing on the Screen. The last in the series unravelling the history of maps shows how they can be used to forecast ecological disasters. Narrated by Patrick Stewart. (Oracle). Followed by The Day
12.00 The ITV Chart Show (r)
1.00am New Music. Rock and pop magazine
2.10 Derrick: The Attempt. German police drama
3.10 Pick of the Week 3.45 Portrait of America
4.35 Adventure. A video collage of adventurous types
5.05 The Magic Wok. Philip Paxton prepares two Chinese dishes
5.30 ITN Morning News with Brenda Rowe. Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Trans World Sport (r) 7.00 Eureeka's Castle 7.30 Footur 8.00 Sharkey and George 8.30 Betty's Bunch 8.55 The California Raisin Show
9.25 Malgudi Days: The Vendor of Sweets. First episode of a second Indian drama series based on the short stories of R.K. Narayan. A sweet-seller leads a modest life modelled on his hero Mahatma Gandhi. In Hindi with English subtitles
10.00 Answering Back. Julian Ogilvy-Thompson, chairman of the Anglo-American Corporation of South Africa, talks to Mary Goldring (r)
10.45 Dennis. Cartoon 11.00 Beat That. (r)
11.30 The Lone Ranger: Indian Charlie (b/w). Vintage western series
12.00 The Waltons: The Triumph. The Godseys are in trouble for violating ration regulations at the store
1.00 Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea: Secret of the Loch (b/w). The Fifties American series dives into the waters of Loch Ness
2.00 Film: Espionage (1937, b/w). B-movie spy drama starring Edmund Lowe and Madge Evans as a pair of rival reporters, who are forced to pose as a married couple in order to keep track of international munitions magnate Paul Lukas. Directed by Kurt Neumann
3.15 Channel 4 Racing International: The French Derby. Brough Scott introduces live coverage of the Prix du Jockey-Club Lancia race from Chantilly (r)
3.55 Without Walls: Tracks of My Tears. A film about fragile masculinity, inspired by footballer Paul Gascoigne's tears at the World Cup (r)
4.25 Pursuit of Power. Adam Raphael talks to Paddy Ashdown, leader of the Liberal Democrats 4.55 News Summary and weather
5.00 People of the Pole. A look at a group of international scientists living and working in the Antarctic, in temperatures that average minus 50 degrees and winds that can reach 300km per hour
6.00 Kabaddi: West Bengal v Services. Sunandan Walia presents the men's semi-final of the unique Indian sport from Calcutta
6.30 The Wonder Years: The Accident. American series about growing up in the Sixties. Kevin (Fred Savage) pines for his first love Winnie (Danica McKellar) and rushes to her side when she is hurt in an accident
7.00 Fragile Earth: Camargue. Chantal Cuer narrates the second of two portraits of the Camargue region of southern France which is one of the most important sites for wildlife in the Mediterranean. Since 1945, half of the wild Camargue has disappeared and the remainder is under threat of development. (Teletext)
8.00 Hard News. David Jessel looks behind the headlines at the newspaper industry
8.30 Blooming Youth
● CHOICE: Channel 4's season of BBC plays from the Seventies and early Eighties has been so worthwhile it is astonishing that the BBC did not hit on the idea first. Viewers are supposed to moan about repeats but there is nothing wrong, and everything to be said, for television celebrating its past achievements. *Blooming Youth*, Les Blair's comedy from 1973, may not have quite the force of *Blue Remembered Hills* or *Stocker's Copper* but it is a funny and authentic drama, faultlessly performed by its four principals. They play students sharing a flat in north London, facing up to being away from home for the first time. A triumphant vindication of Blair's improvisatory approach, *Blooming Youth* relies less on plot than on the interplay of character and truthfulness to its subject. Colin Higgins and Philip Jackson (the lugubrious Japp of the *Poirot* series) are particularly good as chalk-and-cheese room-mates (r)
9.55 Channel 4 Racing International: The French Derby. Highlights of the afternoon's racing



Child snatcher: Bacall plays an unstable character (10.15pm)

10.15 Film: Tree of Hands (1988). Gordon Williams's tortuous adaptation of Ruth Rendell's mystery-thriller stars Helen Shaver as a bereft American mother whose son has died of a mysterious illness. Her mentally unstable mother (Lauren Bacall) does little to assuage her grief when she snatches a lookalike child from a London council estate. Blackmail and violence ensue. With Peter Firth and Paul McGann. Directed by Giles Foster
11.55 Red Hot and Blue. Conceived to raise awareness of, and money for, Aids research, a programme of Cole Porter songs in often unusual interpretations by rock artists and video makers. Performers include Annie Lennox, Sinead O'Connor, David Byrne and Salif Keita (r). Ends at 1.15am

ITV VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 12.30pm Farming Diary 12.55-1.00 Anglia News 2.00 The Spectacular World of Guinness Records 2.25 The River Thames 2.55 Film: To Catch a Thief 4.55 Cartoon Time 5.05 Hard Time on Planet Earth 6.00-6.30 Heirloom 6.35-6.40 Anglia News 12.00 The New Avengers 1.00am Soap 1.30 CinemAttractions 2.00 Film: The Bride is Too Beautiful 3.35 Vivid 4.05 America's Top Ten 4 35-5.30 The Silk Road II

BORDER

As London except: 12.30pm Gardening Time 12.55-1.00 Border News 2.05 An Invitation to Remember 2.35 Kattis and Dog 3.05 Film: D-Day the Sixth of June 5.05 Highway to Heaven 6.00-6.30 The Munro Show 12.00 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.55am Quiz Night 1.25 Kojak 2.20 Peter Merchants 2.50 Film: The Criminal 4.40-5.30 The ITV Chart Show

CENTRAL

As London except: 12.30pm Gardening Time 12.55-1.00 Central News 2.00 The Life and Times of Grizzly Adams 3.00 Film: The Wind Cannot Read 5.05 Hard Time on Planet Earth 6.00-6.30 The Monsters Today 6.35-6.40 Central News 12.00 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.55am Santa Barbara 1.45 Film: The Priest Killer 3.40 The ITV Chart Show 4.35-5.30 Central Jobfinder '91

GRANADA

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Short Story Theatre 2.00 Santa Barbara 2.55 Film:Exorcism 4.40 The Spectacular World of Guinness Records 5.05 Bullseye 5.35-6.40 Granada News 12.00 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.55am Quiz Night 1.25 Kojak 2.20 Peter Merchants 2.50 Film: The Criminal 4.40-5.30 The ITV Chart Show

HTV WEST

As London except: 12.30pm West Country Farming 12.55-1.00 HTV News 2.00 People on Sunday 2.30 HTV Newsweek 3.00 Film: Scott of the Antarctic 5.00 Horse Trials 6.00-6.30 The River Thames 6.35-6.40 HTV News 1.00am New Music 2.00 Danlok 3.10 Pick of the Week 3.40 Portrait of America 4.40 Adventure 5.05-5.30 The Magic Wok

HTV WALES

As HTV West except: 12.30pm-12.55 Survival — The First 30 Years 2.00 West Country Farming 2.30 Wales on Sunday 3.00 Urdd '91 4.00-5.00 The Hide-Out

SCOTTISH

As London except: 10.45am Glen Michael's Cartoon Cavalcade 11.15 Link 11.30 Sunday Service 12.00 Working Miracles 12.30pm-1.00 Eilean 2.00 Scotland 1991 — with Billy Graham 3.00 Bullseye 3.30 Billy Mountains: In one second, a computer from Cray Research can do two-and-a-half billion calculations. The computers cost around 13 million dollars each. Geoff Watts examines their effect on science
3.00 St Paul Sunday Morning: The Emerson String Quartet plays works by Ives, Debussy, Ravel and Shostakovich
4.30 The Democratic Tradition: John Tusa analyses the prospects of the Democratic party in Minnesota. Might the decline in the traditional labour vote and the adverse reaction to the party's liberal stance on the Gulf war affect the future of the Democratic tradition?
5.15 Minnesota Composers' Forum: Michael Berkeley talks to founders and members of this 500-strong organisation, and introduces some of their music
6.00 Choral Evensong: From the Cathedral of Our Merciful Saviour in Faribault, Minnesota
6.45 Public Radio in America: John Tusa reports on the BBC's American cousin and discovers that the public radio is funded not by a licence fee but by fund-raising jamborees and "sponsor credits"
7.15 Snapshot: Bill Holm and Paul Gruchow reflect on what is left of the tall grass prairies and the flat silent lands
7.30 Theatre in Minneapolis-St Paul: Christopher Cook experiences the world-renowned Guthrie Theatre, the Black Penumbra Theatre and the French-based Théâtre de la Jeune Lune
8.05 Live from the Ordway Theater: St Paul Chamber Orchestra under Christopher Hogwood, with Stephen Hough, piano, performs John Becker (Symphony No 5, Homage to Mozart); Mozart (Piano Concerto No 9 in E flat, K271); Ibert (Homage to Mozart); Mozart (Symphony No 28 in C, K200); incl 8.55 John Drummond talks to the orchestra's president, Bill Vickey, and its musical director, Christopher Hogwood
9.45 A Tale of Twin Cities: Paul Eddington, Robert Foxworth and Hannah Gordon in an entertainment of prose, poetry and music from the World Theatre, St Paul
11.15 Discussion on the main themes emerging from the Twin Cities Weekend
12.00-12.05 News

TSW

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 TSW Farming Week 2.00 Coronation Street 2.55 Hard Time on Planet Earth 3.50 Film: The Woman in Question 5.30 Becoming Buddy 6.00-6.30 Coach 12.00 In the Heat of the Night 12.55am Quiz Night 1.25 Kojak 2.20 Peter Merchants 2.50 Film: The Criminal 4.40-5.30 The ITV Chart Show

TYNE TEES

As London except: 12.25pm-1.00 The Pintubi — Death of a Dream 2.00 The Way of the Lakes 2.30 Who's The Boss? 3.00 The Mountain Bike Championships 4.05 Highway to Heaven 5.05 Bullseye 5.35-6.30 Coronation Street 12.00 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.55am Quiz Night 1.25 Kojak 2.25 Peter Merchants 2.55 Film: The Criminal" 4.45-5.30 The ITV Chart Show

ULSTER

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Gardening Times 2.00 The 1991 Grundig UK Mountain Bike Challenge Cup 2.55 Film: Exo-man 4.40 The Spectacular World of Guinness Records 5.05 Bullseye 5.35-6.30 Coronation Street 12.00 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.55am Quiz Night 1.25 Kojak 2.20 Peter Merchants 2.50 Film:The Criminal 4 40-5 30 The ITV Chart Show

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 12.25pm Heidi in the Mountains 12.50-1.00 Calendar News 2.00 The Life and Times of Grizzly Adams 2.55 Film. Woman of Straw 5.05 Brand New Life 6.00-6.30 Coming of Age 12.00 Hooperman 12.30am Pick of the Week 1.00 The Twilight Zone 1.35 The ITV Chart Show 2.35 Books by my Bedside 3.05 Short Story Theatre 4.00 Rock of Europe 4.30-5.30 Jobfinder

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Starts: 6.00am Trans World Sport 7.00 Eureeka's Castle 7.30 Footur 8.00 Sharkey and George 8.30 Betty's Bunch 8.55 California Raisin Show 9.25 The Adventures of Tin Tin 9.30 Beat That 10.00 Answering Back 10.45 Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea 11.45 The People's Game 12.00 The Waltons 12.55pm Now You're Talking 1.20 O Bedwar Ban 1.30 A Grand Day Out 2.00 Fragile Earth 3.00 Vis a Vis 3.15 The French Derby 3.55 Film: You'll Never Get Rich" 5.30 Spring Quartet 5.45 Crystal Maze 6.45 The Three Stooges 7.05 Newyddion 7.10 O Vaughan I Fynwy 8.00 Hal Straeon 8.30 Mozart 9.00 Ar Derfyn Dydd 9.05 Cloed 9.40 *Creature Comforts* 9.45 Up Synch 9.50 State of the Art 10.10 You're the Top 11.10 Channel 4 Racing International 11.20 Herd News 11.50 Red Hot and Blue

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am Bailey's Bird 6.30 Castaway 7.00 Fun Factory 11.00 Eight is Enough 12.00 That's Incredible 1.00pm The New Adventures of Wonder Woman 2.00 WWF Superstars of Wrestling 3.00 Those Amazing Animals 4.00 The Love Boat 5.00 Small Wonder 5.30 Sky Star Search 6.30 The Simpsons 7.00 21 Jump Street 8.00 Seventh Avenue — Part One 10.00 Falcon Crest 12.00 Entertainment Tonight 1.00 Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
News on the hour.
5.00am Sunrise 5.30 Target 9.30 Financial Times Business Weekly 10.30 Holiday Destinations 11.30 Those Were the Days 1.30pm Target 2.30 Robin Williams Talking With David Frost — Part Two 3.30 The Lords 4.30 Those Were the Days 5.00 Live At Five 6.30 Financial Times Business Weekly 7.30 Robin Williams Talking With David Frost — Part Two 8.30 Target 10.30 Financial Times Business Weekly 11.30 Robin Williams Talking With David Frost — Part Two 12.30am Target 1.30 Financial Times Business Weekly 2.30 Those Were the Days 3.30 Holiday Destinations 4.30 Beyond 2000

SKY MOVIES+

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am Showcase
7.40 Entertainment Tonight
8.00 Oh God! Book II (1980): George Burns stars as the "supreme being" spreading the news of his Second Coming
10.00 Dirty Rotten Scoundrels (1988): Michael Caine and Steve Martin star in a comedy about an unusual pair of conmen who work the French Riviera
12.00 Where Pigeons Go To Die (1990): A man reminisces about how his childhood was shaped by his sage old grandfather
2.00pm The Rescue (1987): Two youngsters go to outrageous lengths to save their fathers who have been shot down and captured by the North Koreans
3.35 Carry On Through The Ages. Crazy highlights from the *Carry On* comedies
4.00 The Goodbye Girl (1977): Neil Simon comedy about an ageing Broadway chorus girl and an up-and-coming actor who are forced to live together. Stars Richard Dreyfuss and Marsha Mason
6.00 The Adventure of Sherlock Holmes's Smarter Younger Brother (1975): Gene Wilder directs and stars as Sherlock
8.00 Teen Wolf Too (1987): Jason Bateman plays the cousin of the original Teen Wolf, struggling to come to terms with the fact that his lupine alter ego is more popular than his everyday self
10.00 Maniac Cop (1988): A demented character wearing a policeman's uniform carries out a series of crimes for which a real policeman is blamed
11.25 Halloween 2 (1981): The Halloween monster returns to terrorise patients in the hospital where his first victim is still recovering. Stars Jamie Lee Curtis and Donald Pleasance
12.55am Disorganised Crime (1989): Corbin Benson stars as a crook trying to mastermind a plan for the perfect crime
2.35 Mountain Top Motel Massacre (1986): A family-run hotel hiding a sinister secret proves hardly the place to retreat for a soothing weekend away. With Bill Thurman
4.15 Crystal Heart (1986): A beautiful rock singer falls in love with a man confined to a glass cubicle because of a rare disorder

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.15am The Young Philadelphians (1959): An ambitious young lawyer of humble beginnings falls in love with a socialite. Stars Paul Newman and Barbara Rush
8.30 The Bells of St Mary's (1945): Bing Crosby plays a kind-hearted priest in charge of a school for the under-privileged who tries to persuade the Mother Superior (Ingrid Bergman) to help him in his quest to find a new home for the school
10.35 Sea Devils (1953): Rock Hudson is a fisherman who turns to smuggling and falls prey to the charms of a beautiful French spy
12.15pm Deadline: Madrid (1988): Brynn Theyer and Leigh Lawson play a foreign correspondent and a photographer who team up to investigate the murder of a colleague in Africa
2.15 Rio Grande (1950): Drama about a the strained relationship between a father and son after the American civil war. Stars John Wayne
4.15 Lena — My Hundred Children (1987): Drama based on a real-life story about a holocaust survivor who helps smuggle 100 Polish refugee children into Israel. Stars Linda Lavin
6.15 Frankie and Johnny (1966): Light riverboat gambling drama in which Elvis renders a rousing "When The Saints Go Marching In"
8.15 For Queen And Country (1988): Denzel Washington plays a Falklands war hero who returns home to South London and finds his battles are far from over
10.15 Final Notice (1989): A detective investigates vandalism in a local library with gruesome results
11.45 Taxi Driver (1976): A New York loner tries to find meaning in his life by rescuing a young prostitute. Robert de Niro and Jodie Foster star
1.45am Bloodstone (1988): A newlywed couple on honeymoon in India discover a priceless gem in their luggage
3.15 Cop's Honour (1985): French police drama about a former policeman avenging his daughter's murder

SKY SPORTS

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
10.30am Isle Of Man TT Races 11.00 Scottish Football Review 1.00pm Live Refuge Assurance League Cricket 6.15 Watersports Preview 6.45 Fi Grand Prix Of Canada — Live 9.00 Matchroom League Snooker 11.00 Superbouts 12.00 Fi Grand Prix Of Canada

SCREENSPORT

● Via the Astra Satellite.
7.00am Sailing 8.00 Motor Sport IMSA 9.00 American Football 10.00 Tennis 11.30 Action Auto 12.00 Wrestling 1.00pm Motor Sport FS000 2.00 Speedway 3.00 Snooker 5.30 Motor Sport 6.00 Motor Sport F3 6.30 Touring Car Championships 8.15 NBA Basketball 11.00 Motor Sport

LIFESTYLE

● Via the Astra satellite.
12.00 Annie Oakley 12.30pm The Bill Dana Show 1.00 The Joan Rivers Show 1.55 The Detectives 2.50 Spain International Cuisine 3.05 Roller Derby 4.00 Rocky Jones 4.25 Afternoon Cinema: The Alien Oro 6.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Programme 8.00 Close 12.00 Satellite Jukebox

MTV

● Via the Astra satellite.
Twenty-four hours of rock and pop

RADIO 3

6.35-6.55am (FM only) Open University 6.55 Weather
7.00 Morning Concert: Mendelssohn (Violin Concerto in E minor, Op 64: St Paul CO under Pinchas Zuckerman, violin)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Tchaikovsky (Rose Adagio, Sleeping Beauty: Minneapolis SO under Dorati), Rachmaninov (The Isle of the Dead: Minneapolis SO under Mitropoulos), Schubert (Ballet No 2, Rosamunde: Minneapolis SO under Skrowaczewski), Britten (The Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra: Minnesota Orchestra under Mariner)
8.30 News
8.35-Midnight Twin Cities Weekend: the second day of Radio 3's visit to Minneapolis-St Paul
8.40 Pipe Dreams: Minnesota Public Radio's weekly survey of organ performances and recordings
9.40 Twin Cities Orchestras: Highlights of the past three years' concert-series of the Minnesota Orchestra and the St Paul Chamber Orchestra
11.20 Funding the Arts: A discussion about how money is sought by the arts in the USA and how patronage affects the resulting product
11.45 From the Ground Up: Musical Roots in Minnesota. A diverse sample of music in Minnesota reflecting the traditions of its many ethnic communities
12.45 Table Talk: In search of Betty Crocker. Carol Ann Mering joins Geri: Friend to find out what happened to the America's queen of the kitchen: Crocker, a face beamed from a million packets of cake mix and she was a by-word for the domesticity of the US during the Fifties
1.00pm A Flourish of Voices: Michael Berkeley meets two choral societies active in the Twin Cities area — the Plymouth Music Series and the Dale Warland Singers
2.15 Snapshot: Jonathan Raban's latest book, *Hunting Mr Heartbreak*, follows the journeys of European emigrants to the new world. He talks to Barb Friend about the immigrant experience
2.30 Making Movies out of

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM.
6.00am News; Weather 6.10 Prelude (s) 6.30 News; Morning Has Broken (s) 8.55 Weather
7.00 News 7.10 Sunday Papers 7.15 On Your Farm
7.40 Sunday; incl 7.55 Weather; 8.00 News; 8.10 Sunday Papers
8.50 The Week's Good Cause: Ian Wallace speaks on a free cassette lending library for the blind and handicapped
8.55 Weather 9.00 News
9.10 Sunday Papers 9.15 Letter from America, by Alistair Cooke (r)
9.30 Morning Service: Live from the Methodist Central Hall, Westminster (s)
10.15 The Archers: Omnibus edition
11.15 News Stand with Peter Fiddick
11.30 Pick of the Week, with Chris Serle (s) (r)
12.15pm Desert Island Discs: The castaway is Marco Pierre White, the award-winning master chef
12.55 Weather
1.00 The World This Weekend 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 Gardeners' Question Time, from Stoke-on-Trent
2.30 Sunday Playhouse: Cheap in August by Graham Greene. A woman escapes to the Caribbean to find romance but is led towards something totally unexpected (s) (r)
3.15 Life with Lederer: Helen Lederer sorts out a weight problem with guests
3.30 The Radio Programme: Laurie Taylor and guests cast a critical eye over UK radio output
4.00 News; Analysis: Fuelling Problems? Dieter Helm asks whether Britain is geared up to meet the energy needs of the Nineties (r)
4.47 Rich Pickings: Wind. Rosemary Leach and Michael Fitzgerald read poetry and prose about the weather
5.00 News; Down Your Way: David Blunkett, MP, explores the Cotswold village of Stad (s)
5.40 Great Lit Journeys: Stephen Wells steps off at Meadowhall, near Sheffield to experience a temple to consumerism (1 of 6) (r)
5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 News; Sports Round-up
6.15 The Village: Triumphs and tragedies of a small Hampshire rural community (r)
6.30 Far Flung Faith: Religion in the Outer Hebrides (s)
7.00 The Root of the Matter: Reports on vital matters from Britain's towns, villages and cities. This week Hugh Prysor-Jones visits Southampton
7.30 Bookshelf: Nigel Forde sees what is on offer in the Feminist Book Fortnight; Mark Steyn and Paul Clifford discuss the 20th century in quotations (r)
8.00 The Scarman Report: Lord Scarman hears evidence from local politicians, academics, lawyers and members of the public on what sort of police force Britain wants and needs
9.00 News; Treasure Islands: Kathleen Griffin looks at the literary genre created by Noel Streatfield, author of *Ballet Shoes* (r)
9.15 The Natural History Programme: Fergus Keeling and Jessica Holm visit Britain's largest ice-age cave which until recently was only accessible to pot-holers (r)
9.59 Weather
10.00 News
10.15 When the Gods Return
● CHOICE: Psychologist John Crook and journalist Tim Malton visited a monastic festival in Ladakh on the far side of the Himalayas, enduring extremes of cold 30,000 ft above sea level, to bring back a series of impressions of the highly charged atmosphere as the gods enter man's bodies, inducing an extraordinary series of experiences. An absorbing documentary (s) (r)
11.00 Ecuador Days: Four middle-aged men reminisce about the days when, as lads growing up in Barnsley, they formed a band in an effort to become famous (s) (r)
11.30 Seeds of Faith: John Rackley considers how 20th-century authors have depicted Jesus's life (s)
12.00 News 12.20am Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast

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RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. 4.00am Jonny Costello 7.00 The Bruno and Liz Breakfast Show 9.30 Dave Lee Travis 12.30pm Pick of the Pops 2.30 Philip Schofield Going Live 4.30 The Complete UK Top 40 7.00 Anne Nightingale's Request Show 9.00 Andy Kershaw 11.00 John Peel 2.00am Nicky Campbell

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 4.00am The Early Show 8.00 Graham Knight 7.30 Good Morning Sunday 9.05 Melodies for You 11.00 Radio 2's All-Time Greats 2.00pm Benny Green 3.00 Sounds Easy 4.00 Max With Love: Featuring Max Bygraves with Geoff Love 4.30 Sing Something Simple 5.00 Charlie Chester 7.00 Radio 2 Young Musician of the Year 7.30 Stuart Burrows Sings 8.30 Sunday Half-Hour 9.00 Your Hundred Best Tunes 10.00 Radio 2 Jazz Season 12.05am They're Singing Our Song 1.00 Night Ride 3.00 A Little Night Music

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service: World News and 24 Hours 6.30 Meridian 7.00 Newsdesk 7.30 Sunday Edition; Incl News & Sport at 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 9.00 This Family Business; Incl News & Sport at 9.00 and 10.00 10.30 Education Matters 11.00 News and Sport: Festivals of Britain: The Toughest Race in England 11.30 When in France 12.00 News and Sport; Open University: Open Forum 12.22pm The Classical Orchestra 12.41 Prospects for Information Technology 1.00 News and Sport; Literature in the Modern World 1.22 Lord Briggs on Victoria Culture 1.41 Hazlitt as Literary Critic 2.00 Sunday Sport 7.20 Open University 7.40 Hume's Science of Man 8.00 Sounds Technical 8.20 Arts Review 8.40 Button — An Enlightenment Scientist? 9.00 Soundprint 9.30pm Dragnet 10.00 News & Sport 10.10 Across the Line, incl 11.00 Sport 12.00 News and Sport 12.07am Close

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. 5.30 Seeing Stars 5.45 News Headlines in English and French 5.47 British Press Review 5.52 World Business Review 5.57 Travel and Weather News 6.00 News 6.30 Londres Matin 6.59 Weather 7.00 Newsdesk 7.30 Jazz for the Asking 8.00 News 8.09 24 Hours; News Summary 8.30 From Our Own Correspondent 8.50 Write On.. 9.00 News 9.09 Words of Faith 9.14 Music for a while with Richard Baker 10.00 News

EC rule 'will make drug advertising impossible'

By MELINDA WITTSTOCK, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

WELL-KNOWN advertisements for headache pills, cold remedies and other non-prescription drugs may be banned if an EC draft directive on pharmaceutical advertising becomes law.

Advertisers would no longer be able to mention what ailments a product such as Disprin or Lemsip is meant to treat, yet they would be forced to include in a television commercial or a newspaper advertisement the precise dosage instructions, pharmacology and warnings on the product's package.

Under the proposed legislation, due for a first reading in the European parliament on June 11, 20 per cent of an advertisement would be given to warnings about possible side effects and contra-indications. Instructions to read the label, the product's ingredients, and a general warning ("Any medicinal product can be dangerous if used incorrectly. Consult your doctor") would have to be included in the remaining time or space.

EC commissioners and Euro-MPs say that the legislation is intended to protect consumers and that omitting a medicine's uses will discourage people from taking drugs they might not need. However, manufacturers, advertising agencies, consumer groups and media companies say that however well-intentioned, the amendments drawn up by the European parliament's environment committee will do more to mystify than inform, and will have a disastrous effect on investment in pharmaceutical research.

"Research shows that advertising is not the place for the type of detailed information one would read on a product label," said Gopa Mitra, of the Proprietary Association of Great Britain, which represents the over-the-counter (OTC) drugs industry.

People shown advertisements in three versions: the original, a version with the message "Always read the label", and one including all the information from the package had recalled more information from the original and the one with the simple message than from the full-text version. "The full text just confused them and prevented them from picking up even the simplest message, such as the product's name," Ms Mitra said.

A Consumers' Association position paper said: "Without details on what the product is for and who should take it, an advertisement will fail to communicate the most basic information."



Senior servicemen: Arthur "Jack" Souch, Charles Blunt, Arthur Ferrett and George Wainford at Portsmouth yesterday, where they recalled the desperate battle which ensued when Admiral Jellicoe, below, sent Britain's navy to engage the German fleet at Jutland, right

Navy recalls its bloodiest battle

By JOHN YOUNG

THE sun shone on Portsmouth yesterday as veterans and relatives gathered to commemorate one of the greatest and most controversial of naval conflicts, the Battle of Jutland.

It is 75 years since the British fleet under Admiral Sir John Jellicoe engaged the pride of Germany and time is fast running out for survivors of the battle on May 31, 1916. But of 17 veterans known to be alive, four were able to attend the opening of an exhibition at the Royal Naval Museum and a service of remembrance.

Jutland was the first great sea battle since Trafalgar, unsurpassed both in the scale of the slaughter and the extraordinary heroism shown on both sides.

The British toll was 6,748 men killed or wounded and 14 ships lost; the German toll was 3,058 dead and wounded and 12 ships. At the end of the battle Jellicoe still had 28 battleships fit for action while the German admiral Scheer had only 10.

George Wainford from Cirencester, Gloucestershire, Arthur Ferrett from Waterlooville, Hampshire, and Arthur "Jack" Souch from Portchester, Hampshire, were teenage regular seamen at the time. Now they are over 90 but their memories of the battle are undimmed.





Mr Souch sailed on the battleship HMS Barham from Rosyth in Scotland the day before the battle. After the crew had put to sea they heard the German fleet had left harbour. "We knew then that this was it," he said.

● Soviet ambassador Leonid Zamyatin yesterday paid tribute to allied seamen who braved appalling conditions on Arctic convoys to take food and arms to northern Russian ports during the second world war.

Mr Zamyatin told more than 100 former seamen at a reception in the Soviet Embassy, London, to mark the 50th anniversary of the first convoy: "We will never forget those who stood by us in the flames of war, who were the first to give us a helping hand, sometimes paying for it with their lives." More than 30,000 allied seamen died as 78 convoys ploughed through icy, stormy seas under continuous attack from German U-boats.

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Rebels call for help with famine

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co-ordination of relief work would be priorities of the interim administration. He urged all agencies to resume their operations. The ousted regime of President Mengistu, who fled to Zimbabwe on May 21, often hindered aid shipments to rebel-held areas.

He also told aid workers and donor government representatives that the Red Sea port of Asab had reopened. The United Nations says more than 114,000 tons of relief supplies are at Asab, which is vital to efforts to get food to drought victims in the nation's northern provinces of Tigré, Welo and elsewhere.

Abay Tsehaye, a leader in the victorious rebel group, also spoke to the aid officials. He asked each organisation to prepare "a brief, clear proposal" on its "tasks, problems and needs," before the end of next week.

Emergency supplies to the nation's northernmost province, Eritrea, have been handled primarily through the port of Massawa, and reportedly continued during the takeover of that province by secessionist insurgents.

However, reports from the east and south of the country suggests that the Ethiopian front might have difficulty asserting its authority. Overall some about seven million people in Ethiopia are threatened with starvation.

While the situation in the northern provinces of Eritrea and Tigré has improved, following the military successes of their local liberations groups, the plight of people in areas not controlled by either the Eritrean People's Liberation Front or the Ethiopian front has deteriorated.

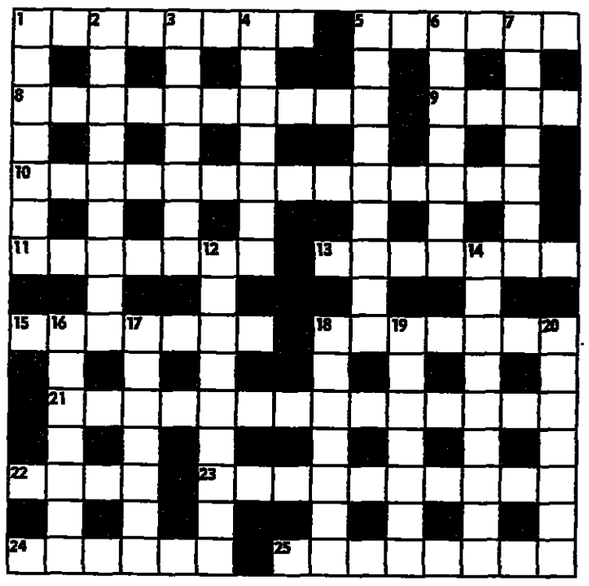
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MONDAY: TERROR LESSONS

Not every British university drills its undergraduates on the methods of the Palestine Liberation Organisation and the operational procedures of Britain's Secret Intelligence Service. But a university that lists John Cleese and Frank Muir among recent rectors might be expected to be a little different. *Times* Education reports from St Andrews

Surely not? Bernard Levin, much to his own surprise, finds that Tony Benn's Commonwealth of Britain bill (if shorn of the barmy bits) contains a deal of common sense. Levin thinks that Benn deserves to be taken seriously, a fact which ensures that he will not be

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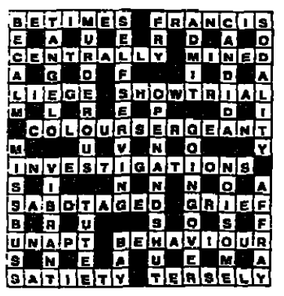
ACROSS

1 Classified as donkey or small bear? (8).
5 About to plant fruit-stone? Excellent (6).
8 Mark for steady progress, university held (10).
9 Wander over, then run to the front (4).
10 Composer who created conflict and glared horribly (3,6,5).
11 The devil is an evil fellow (7).
13 Inspire people who dowse, say (7).
15 Mushroom exploded, losing top (7).
18 Note wound in examination (7).
21 Left to fetch explorer that's lost (4,3,1,6).
22 Special fare for conference (4).
23 Spurious praise captivates better half (10).
24 Brezhnev was a streaker (6).
25 Revelation of secret on newsstands, in print (8).

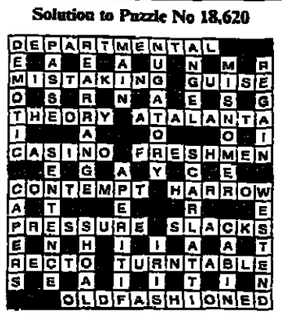
DOWN

1 Summer-time opening of amusements in Georgian town (7).
2 Arise and cast off for flight (9).
3 Doubled to get finished (7).
4 Skilful execution seen in single figure mounted on beard (7).
5 Can rage within, and finally change colour (9).
6 Hypocritical villain in dugout (7).
7 Turned to view old boy's literary effort (7).
12 How to feed pet without delay? (3,2,4).
14 Man said to practise for carrying out post (4,5).
16 Coal will eventually catch fire (7).
17 Boy achieves century (7).
18 One's drawn by advertisement (7).
19 One up for musical prince (7).
20 Gone out to see off Italian (7).

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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

THYLACINE
a. A deadly nerve gas
b. Shaped like a clover leaf
c. The so-called Tasmanian wolf

ZIMB
a. An Ethiopian cattle fly
b. The Zimbabwe shilling
c. A moulded cornice

TAMARA
a. A mixture of spices
b. Type of Iraqi pottery
c. A household altar

PURPRESTURE
a. Imperial purple dye
b. Enchroachment on public property
c. A hidden meaning

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LIGHTING-UP TIMES

TODAY
London 9.03 pm to 4.49 am
Bristol 9.17 pm to 4.59 am
Edinburgh 9.46 pm to 4.33 am
Manchester 9.27 pm to 4.46 am
Penzance 9.23 pm to 5.17 am

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The winners of last Saturday's competition are: J E Hammond, Villa Road, Plumtree, S Notts: A Reed, Tanfield Road, Dudley, W Midlands, H Coombs, Wells Road, Bath; C Evans, Maybank Close, Southport; B Adams, Rectory Green, Beckenham, Kent.

WEATHER

Northern Ireland, the Isle of Man, Wales and south-west England will be rather cloudy at first, with drizzle in places, becoming drier and brighter with sunny spells, although the Channel Islands may stay cloudy. The rest of the country will have variable amounts of cloud and bright or sunny spells in most places. It will become cloudier in western Scotland, with showers tonight. Outlook: showers spreading southwards.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; lg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Akrotiri	21	70	s	Madrid	20	68	f
Algiers	22	72	f	Majorca	23	73	f
Amst'dm	12	54	c	Malaga	22	72	f
Athens	21	70	f	Malta	20	68	c
Barbade*	31	88	s	Melb'rne	17	63	c
Barcelna	21	70	f	Mexico C*	25	77	s
Belgrade	21	70	t	Miami*	32	90	s
Bermuda*	26	79	s	Moscow	19	66	s
Biarritz	16	61	r	Naples	24	75	s
Borde'x	23	73	f	N Delhi	38	100	s
Brussels	13	55	c	N York*	25	79	c
B Aires*	15	59	f	Nice	21	70	s
Cairo	27	81	s	Oslo	15	59	s
Cape Tn	15	59	s	Paris	20	68	s
C'blanca	20	68	c	Perth	19	66	f
C'phagn	14	57	f	Prague	22	72	s
Corfu	21	70	s	Rhodes	21	70	s
Dublin	13	55	c	Rio de J	25	77	s
Dubrovnik	19	66	s	Rome	22	72	s
Faro	21	70	f	S F'risco*	14	57	s
Florence	25	77	s	Sing'por	31	88	f
Frankfurt	23	73	s	St'kholm	13	55	s
Funchal	19	66	c	Sydney	19	66	s
Geneva	22	72	s	Tangier	22	72	c
Gibraltar	21	70	f	Tel Aviv	22	72	s
Helsinki	15	59	f	Tenerife	23	73	s
Hong K	28	84	f	Tokyo	18	64	r
Istanbul	18	64	s	Toronto*	27	81	c
Jo'burg*	16	61	s	Tunis	21	70	f
Karachi	33	91	s	Valencia	21	70	f
L Palmas	22	72	s	Vanc'ver*	13	55	c
Lisbon	21	70	c	Venice	22	72	s
Locarno	23	73	s	Vienna	20	68	f
London	11	52	c	Wash'ton*	36	97	s
Luxembg	23	73	f	Zurich	22	72	s

* denotes figures are latest available

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.35	2.20
Austria Sch	21.70	20.30
Belgium Fr	63.50	59.50
Canada $	2.06	1.92
Denmark Kr	11.82	11.12
Finland Mkk	7.41	6.96
France Fr	10.41	9.76
Germany Dm	3.08	2.88
Greece Dr	333.00	313.00
Hong Kong $	13.82	12.82
Ireland Pt	1.15	1.08
Italy Lira	2295.00	2145.00
Japan Yen	262.50	234.50
Netherlands Gld	3.47	3.25
Norway Kr	11.89	11.29
Portugal Esc	263.25	250.25
South Africa Rd	5.55	4.75
Spain Pta	190.00	177.00
Sweden Kr	11.07	10.37
Switzerland Fr	2.625	2.455
Turkey Lira	7500	6700
USA $	1.80	1.68
Yugoslavia Dnr	51.00	32.00

Rates for small denomination bank only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	6.9	-	15	59	sunny
Anglesey	4.8	-	15	59	cloudy
Belfast	10.8	-	15	59	sunny
Birmingham	-	-	12	54	cloudy
Blackpool	2.3	-	14	57	cloudy
Bristol	0.1	-	13	55	cloudy
Cardiff	1.4	-	14	57	cloudy
Douglas	4.4	-	11	52	cloudy
Edinburgh	1.4	.01	13	55	drizzle
Glasgow	6.3	-	18	64	sunny
Leeds	-	-	12	54	cloudy
Lerwick	10.2	-	15	59	sunny
London	2.3	-	16	61	bright
Lowestoft	-	-	11	52	dull
Manchester	0.9	-	13	55	cloudy
Morecambe	5.3	-	18	64	bright
Nottingham	-	-	11	52	cloudy
Prestwick	8.0	-	17	63	sunny
Scarborough	-	-	10	50	cloudy
Shanklin	5.9	-	18	61	sunny
Stornoway	9.0	-	12	54	fog
Teignmouth	5.2	-	15	59	cloudy
Tenby	4.3	-	15	59	cloudy
Wick	6.7	-	11	52	fog

These are Thursday's figures

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Thursday: Highest day temp: Fort William, Highland, 22C (72F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath, Highland, 8C (46F); highest rainfall: Edinburgh, 0.01 in; highest sunshine: Tiree, Inner Hebrides, 14.6 hr.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 14C (57F); min 6pm to 6am, 9C (48F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 0.2 hr.

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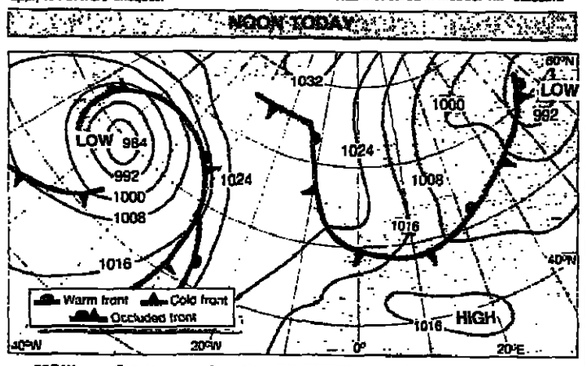
Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 19C (66F); min 6pm to 6am, 9C (48F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun 24hr to 6pm, 12.6 hr.

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	4.55	6.8	4.59	6.6
Aberdeen	4.07	3.9	4.39	3.7
Cardiff	9.57	10.8	10.13	10.6
Devonport	8.42	4.8	8.57	5.0
Glasgow	3.40	4.3	3.56	4.0
Harwich	2.47	3.6	2.52	3.6
Ilfracombe	8.59	8.0	9.18	8.2
King's Lynn	9.22	6.1	9.56	5.6
Lowestoft	12.35	2.1	12.16	2.3
Newquay	8.07	6.1	8.26	6.2
Portsmouth	2.17	4.3	2.49	4.3
Southampton	1.33	4.1	2.10	4.0
Tees	6.36	5.0	7.12	4.7

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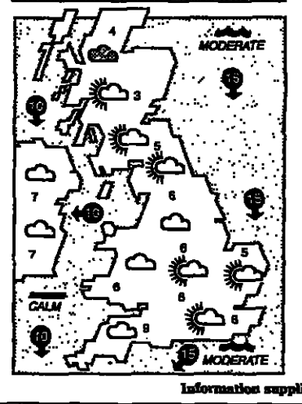
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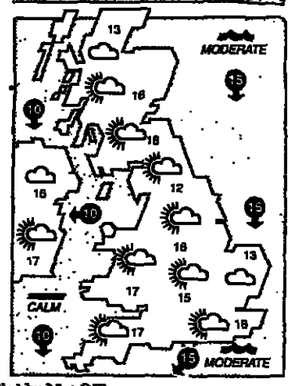
TODAY	Sun rises: 4.50 am	Sun sets: 9.08 pm	TOMORROW	Sun rises: 4.49 am	Sun sets: 9.09 pm
	Moon sets: 7.58 am	Moon rises: 12.13 am		Moon rises: 12.13 am	Moon sets: 9.07 am
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WEEKEND MONEY

Renold calls in police over £2m

THE police have been called in at Renold, the chain and gear manufacturer, after an internal investigation unearthed a number of bookkeeping discrepancies at the company's Cardiff plant.

Renold estimates the discrepancies could result in a shortfall in net assets of almost £2 million. An employee at the Cardiff factory has been suspended.

A Renold spokesman refused to elaborate, but a Stock Exchange announcement said the review had unearthed evidence of false entries in the Cardiff plant's books and systematic mis-statement of management accounts.

Paper chaser



Stephen Walls need never have worked again after his payoff from Plessey, rumoured to be in the region of £1 million. But he chose to plunge back into "the cut and thrust of a major company" at the helm of Wiggins Teape Appleton, the paper group. He talks to Gillian Bowditch..... Page 27

Fees struggle

Many parents are struggling to meet the cost of school fees. From the autumn, however, insurance will be available to counter the effects of illness, injury or redundancy. School fees specialists give a warning that parents should only use the equity in their homes as a last resort..... Page 31

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Students are already failing to repay student loans taken out this year and non-payers could be blacklisted by credit reference agencies... Page 31

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Banks and retailers are keen to persuade people to pay by direct debit from current accounts, saying it costs up to ten times as much to process standing orders as direct debits. Direct financial incentives, however, are rare..... Page 33

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Boddington Group has declared final its hostile bid for JA Devenish, a fellow operator of public houses, and brought the closing date forward to June 15..... Page 26

Port bill

The bill for privatisation of Britain's trust ports, expected to receive royal assent this month, is likely to include an element of compulsion for all ports with a turnover above £5 million..... Page 27

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Hanson's banker asked to advise on coal privatisation

By Ross Tieman
INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Wakeham, the energy secretary, has appointed Lord Hanson's merchant bank adviser, NM Rothschild, to draw up proposals for the privatisation of British Coal Corporation.

The bank has set itself the target of completing intitial studies by September, in case there is an autumn election. The government is keen to embark on the sale of the state coal group without delay if it is re-elected.

The selection of Rothschild from a shortlist of three institutions is bound to raise eyebrows. Rothschild's experience in the energy field includes its role as adviser to the 12 regional electricity companies privatised last December, as well as acting for Hanson during its abortive bid to buy PowerGen. Hanson also owns Peabody, the American mining group and one of the world's largest coal producers.

Keith Palmer, the Rothschild director who will head the privatisation study team, showed no sign of doubts about his role. "The people who would have a conflict of interest would be the people who acted for the generators, at Lazards and Warburgs," he said. "We do not think there is any conflict."

Nor was he concerned about the bank's role as a key Hanson adviser. He said a highly effective "Chinese wall" was in place separating Hanson advisers from the utility team during Hanson's negotiations over PowerGen. The bank would not draw upon the expertise that staff gained, in acting for Hanson, when considering proposals for British Coal. That is not to say it would ignore Peabody's success in the private sector. "The government has already said they want us to be talking to a lot of people in the coal industry internationally," Mr Palmer said. "I imagine that Peabody would be on a list along with a lot of other companies."

Because of its coal interests in America, Hanson has been mooted as one of the most likely buyers for British Coal should the government go for a trade sale. How might that affect Rothschild's role?

"That is really quite hypothetical," said Mr Palmer. "We won't know until we get there whether that is a possibility."

Mr Palmer said the knowledge gained by the bank during the privatisation of the regional electricity companies would provide an important understanding of coal's markets.

However, there were "many questions" to be addressed before Rothschild could present the government with a set of proposals, or options. He said the bank would have to decide "whether British Coal should be sold off as one unit, whether it should be fragmented, whether you need contracts with the generators in place and what you need to do about the liabilities, which are considerable."

Mr Palmer said the chairman of British Coal, Neil Clarke, had expressed only one view about privatisation: "He welcomes the appointment of Rothschild. He called us this morning to say so."

In fact, Mr Palmer and his colleagues are likely to find a warm welcome at Hobart House, British Coal's London headquarters, and scant animosity at the pit heads.

In January, Malcolm Edwards, commercial director of British Coal, called for the corporation to separate from government "just as soon as is sensible".

With the power industry in the private sector, British Coal cannot remain as it is. Rothschild's proposals for the industry should make constructive reading for the incoming administration, whoever wins the general election.

Frills cut in move back to basics

Societies trim services to improve profits

By Lindsay Cook and Sara McConnell

BUILDING societies are cutting back services and going back to their core businesses in an attempt to improve profits.

At least three of the top ten societies have either reduced or withdrawn foreign exchange businesses this year and are reviewing other services. The moves back to basics come just as the building societies are campaigning to win extra powers from the government to compete with banks without first having to convert into public companies, as the Abbey National has had to do.

The Nationwide Building Society, the second largest, has withdrawn travellers cheques, foreign currency and travel insurance. John Hutchinson, retail operations director, said: "We want to provide some banking services rather than be all things to all men. We found that our members were not actually wanting this from us."

Last year, the society handled about 25,000 travel sales. This compares with 6 million savers. The service was started a few months after Nationwide took on the high street banks by launching an interest-bearing current account in 1987. It was seen as part of the banking service.

The Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society has also pulled out of offering travellers cheques. The society said: "We are refining our product range. The amount of profit from travellers cheques was not sufficient against the time involved. We need profit generators." The society had considered introducing a foreign currency service but decided against it.

After just one year of offering travel money, the Bradford & Bingley Building Society withdrew its foreign currency and travellers cheques services at the end of 1989. Dave Wormall, marketing manager of retail services, said: "We found the length of time it was taking for branch sales staff to issue travellers cheques and do refunds was deflecting from our more traditional business.

"The Building Societies Act meant we were cramming lots of services into branches and travel services weren't part of our core business. Societies are becoming more focused."

The Woolwich Building Society has stopped carrying travellers cheques in most branches. Customers now have to give five days' notice. A spokesman said the costs of insurance when travellers cheques were held in branches was too high to justify the service. Members can also order foreign currency giving five days' notice.

Customers of the Leeds Permanent Building Society have to order cheques three days in advance. David Andrew, head of savings, said: "We used to have stocks of American Express travellers cheques in all the branches but customers had to order currency in advance through Thomas Cook.

"Societies, like any other businesses, are looking to minimise the costs of operating." He added that the Gulf war had hit the sales figures at the start of the year and fewer people were going on holiday because of the recession.

The Halifax, the largest building society, introduced travellers cheques and foreign currency through American Express into its branches four years ago. Peter Wood, the assistant general manager, banking and investment services, said he expected the business to be slow this year because of the recession and Gulf war. The cost to building societies is rising. "Amex costs are going up. They are asking us for more money. This is not a service which is ever going to make a lot of money."

John Wriglesworth, building society analyst at UBS Phillips & Drew, the broker, said: "Societies are coming through the most difficult housing market in memory. Some have found that the new activities have really hurt them. There is a risk averse attitude out there."

Expansion into credit cards had stopped and some societies planning to offer Switch debit cards were having second thoughts, he said.

ALAN WELLER



Court appearance: a year after the collapse of Dunsdale Securities, Robert Miller, its sole director, is to appear at Snaresbrook Crown Court on Monday. Mr Miller, aged 40, pictured with his wife Naomi, faces charges under the 1968 Theft Act, the 1981 Forgery and Counterfeiting Act, and the 1985 Companies Act

Fears grow over Man United flotation

By Martin Barrow

FEARS were growing last night that Manchester United's public share offer had flopped. The club's financial adviser failed to make a statement on the flotation yesterday, after the deadline for applications passed.

Henry Ansbacher, the football club's adviser, was unable to announce the level of subscriptions. A statement is expected on Monday.

About 10,000 people are believed to have applied for shares, but many opted for the minimum subscription of 50 shares, an investment of £192.50. A total of 2.597 million were offered to the public. A further 2 million shares have been placed with institutions. Manchester United will still receive all the money because the offer was fully underwritten, or guaranteed by City institutions.

The disappointing level of applications has surprised United's advisers, who now fear the financial problems at Tottenham Hotspur, the other fully listed football club, may have deterred investors. Tottenham's shares have been suspended since October. Supporters who own shares in the club are likely to lose their investment.

United is coming to the stock market to raise £16.5 million after expenses, of which £6.7 million will go towards the redevelopment of the Stretford end of the club's ground at Old Trafford. The shares were priced at 385p, valuing the club at £46.8 million.

Dowty chief moves to TBG

By Michael Tate, City Editor

TONY Thatcher, chief executive of Dowty, the aerospace group, has walked out on the company after being offered the top job with a powerful European group.

His resignation has hastened the departure of Lord Harrowby, aged 68, the Dowty chairman, who had planned to retire after the annual meeting in August. He has handed over to Roy Roberts, the deputy chairman. "It was thought better that the two departures should coincide," the company said.

Mr Thatcher, aged 51, will join the Thyssen-Bornemisza Group, TBG, which has a £3 billion turnover on the private interests of the Swiss-based Thyssen family. He will succeed Georg Thyssen as president and chief executive in Monaco this year.

Bruce Ralph, Dowty's deputy chief executive, takes over from Mr Thatcher. He stressed that Mr Thatcher's parting had been amicable, and that there had been no boardroom row. "He has gone with our best wishes," he said. There was no question of any compensation payment.

Mr Thatcher was appointed chief executive at Dowty late in 1986, and has transformed the group over the past five years. However, defence cutbacks have prompted a wave of redundancies in the past few months, culminating in a restructuring programme announced, with a profits warning, in April.

Analysts expect pre-tax profits of between £58 million and £60 million, after redundancy costs of some £4 million, against £85.4 million for the previous year.

Mr Thatcher's salary at TBG was not disclosed, but analysts expected it comfortably to exceed the £169,000 he received from Dowty.

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Recovery signs lift dollar

By Anatole Kaletsky, Economics Editor

A SPATE of economic indicators, suggesting that a recovery is imminent for the American economy, sent the dollar surging against sterling, the mark and other European currencies yesterday and encouraged the Dow Jones industrial average to mount a new assault on its all-time closing high.

The index of leading economic indicators rose 0.6 per cent in April, marking the third successive monthly advance. The indicators gained 0.7 per cent in March, revised from an 0.5 per cent increase, and 1.2 per cent in February.

The American Commerce Department also reported the first improvement in factory orders for six months – they showed a rise of 1.8 per cent in April. The Chicago Institute of Purchasing Management also released its leading index for May, which showed an improvement to 47.7 per cent from 42.1 in April.

The dollar jumped by more than two pfennigs to DM1.7405 in response to the better than expected figures and the pound fell by almost two cents to $1.6975.

However, the pound strengthened slightly in the dollar's wake against the mark and other European currencies rising from the sixth to the fifth highest position in the exchange-rate mechanism.

The yen-dollar rate was almost unaffected by the American figures, in part because of an enormous increase in the Japanese current account surplus. Japan's surplus almost quadrupled in April to $7.8 billion from $1.9 billion a year before.

However, economists argued that the April figure was distorted upwards by big fluctuations in oil imports and by the collapse of Japan's traditional deficit on invisible trade as Japanese tourists stayed at home in response to fears of terrorism after the Gulf War.

By contrast, very weak German money supply figures weakened the mark, since they suggested no need to raise German interest rates. Germany's M3 monetary measure grew by 3.7 per cent in April, falling below the Bundesbank's target of 4 to 7 per cent for the first time this year.

'Can't pay - won't pay' is Nineties creed

Debt collectors feel the pinch

By Matthew Bond

IN ONE of those neat twists of fate that rekindles one's faith in divine intervention, it has emerged that one of the businesses hardest hit by the recession is debt collecting.

As the economic climate deteriorated, the efficient collection of the nation's debts was considered the business to be in. Try telling that to Harvey & Thompson, one of Britain's leading pawnbrokers and debt collectors, which yesterday reported a pre-tax loss of £4.8 million for the six months to December 28, passed its interim dividend and had to call on shareholders for £4.7 million of new funds.

In particular, Lewis, the Harvey & Thompson debt collecting agency, has discovered a painful rule of modern life, that a significant proportion of the debt that was run up in the boom years of the late Eighties are not collectable in the more rigorous climate of the Nineties. A large proportion of the nation, it appears, is flat broke. Harvey & Thompson is now in talks to sell Lewis to its management for £2 million.

But the pain being felt by individuals and families is also being shared by British companies, particularly the smaller ones. As their sales dry up, an increasing number are walking away from lease and hire purchase commitments and into receivership. All the leasor can do is take back the leased equipment and attempt to sell it. That may be a good idea in theory, but far from profitable when all the other leasing companies are trying to do the same.

Yesterday, Harvey & Thompson estimated that losses on its leasing book could cost about £2 million. Similar losses were in prospect for its hire purchase business, whose stamping ground of the northwest Midlands is at the sharp end of the recession and the resultant redundancies. Harvey & Thompson has now stopped writing new hire purchase business and has withdrawn from leasing.

The company's plight is unlikely to attract much sympathy from the thousands of householders who live in dread of the debt collectors' knock on the door, but there is some encouragement for the company's shareholders.

Pawnbroking, if not the oldest, then perhaps the second oldest profession, is riding the recession well. After interest, profits rose 67 per cent on the same period in 1989 and Rupert Galliers-Pratt, the chairman, intends that business to provide a cornerstone for the company's future. That, of course, is assuming the company's shareholders can be persuaded to part with the £4.7 million for the new convertible loan stock.

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Clients' exodus hits fund manager

By NEIL BENNETT
BANKING CORRESPONDENT

POOR investment performance at Henderson Administration, the fund manager, has caused a mass exodus of its pension fund clients and a slump in profits.

Henderson lost 35 out of a total of 222 institutional clients in the year to end March. In the past two years its list of pension fund accounts has shrunk by almost a quarter.

The group's investment funds were heavily exposed to the weak dollar last year, and were hit hard when Iraq invaded Kuwait in August. Henderson suffered a similar run of figures in 1988, and the poor performance resulting from the two periods has prompted consultants to advise that pension fund trustees switch managers.

The fall in the market caused a slump in the company's commissions, and pre-tax profits slid 28 per cent to £15.9 million. The group is pegging its final dividend at 27.5p, to make 37.5p for the year.

Henderson's investment funds grew by £1 billion in the first three months of this year thanks to the recovery in the stock market. But its earlier problems meant that total funds under management still fell by 5 per cent to £7.87 billion in the year as a whole.

Ben Wrey, the deputy chairman, said Henderson was trying to improve its investment performance to win back the lost business. Its funds outperformed the pension fund average by 1 per cent in the first quarter of the year.

Richard Furlong, a financial analyst at Credit Lyonnais Laing, said the group would suffer further revenue losses from defecting clients this year. "If they could get their performance sorted, every one would love them," he said. "But the recovery will be a long process."

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Lilleshall buys

LILLESHALL, the engineering and building products group, paid Fr28.5 million for Malysse, a French doors and windows maker, in its first big overseas purchase. Malysse made pre-tax profits of Fr6.12 million during the year to end June on sales of Fr38.4 million.

THE POUND

US dollar
1.6985 (–0.0180)

German mark
2.9546 (+0.0056)

Exchange index
91.2 (–0.1)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1957.2 (+8.7)

FT-SE 100
2499.5 (+8.3)

New York Dow Jones
2996.87 (–3.58)*

Tokyo Nikkei Avge
25789.62 (+142.22)

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Bass	990½p (+11p)
Guinness	954½p (+11p)
Whitbread 'A'	511p (+11p)
Young 'A'	460p (+7p)
Bowater	593½p (+18p)
Chemring	570p (+9p)
BAT	705p (+11p)
Rothmans 'B'	881p (+7p)
Courtaulds	404½p (+8p)
Auto Sec	240½p (+15p)
Laporte	538p (+8p)
Dixons Group	213p (+12p)
Dunhill	452½p (+8p)
News Corp	408p (+16p)
Body Shop	272p (+7p)
Beazer	172½p (+9p)
Thomsom Corp	805p (+20p)

FALLS:

Henderson Admin	630p (–20p)
Standard Chartered	351½p (–11p)
Brent Walker	201½p (–8p)

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INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 11½%
3-month Interbank 11⅜-11¼%
3-month eligible bills: 10⅝-10⅝%
US: Prime Rate 8½%
Federal Funds 5¾%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.51-5.50%*
30-year bonds 98²⁸/₃₂-98⅝*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.6985	£: $1.6990*
£: DM2.9546	$: DM1.7390*
£: SwFr2.5146	$: SwFr1.4805*
£: FFr10.0076	$: FFr5.8875*
£: Yen235.08	$: Yen138.40*
£: Index:91.2	$: Index:66.4
ECU £0.696746	SDR £0.781525
£: ECU1.435243	£: SDR1.279549

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $361.55 pm-$360.40
close $360.50-361 00 (£211 75-212.25)
New York:
Comex $360.25-360 75*

RETAIL PRICES

RPI: 133.1 April (1987=100)

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Jun) ..... $19.05 bbl ($18.95)
* Denotes latest trading price

TIM BISHOP



Still on the high ground: Michael Cannon, the Devenish chairman, who is fighting a bid from Boddington, yesterday

Boddington brings close of Devenish bid forward

By MARTIN BARROW

BODDINGTON Group has declared final its hostile bid for JA Devenish, a fellow operator of public houses, and brought the closing date forward to June 15.

The move came after Devenish announced a decline in interim profits from £3.84 million before tax to £2.09 million for the six months to end March.

Despite the fall, Devenish has promised unchanged profits of £11.3 million for the year and to raise its total dividend by at least 15 per cent.

Devenish attributed the first-half setback to difficult trading conditions caused by the recession and the Gulf war. The company has a big presence near naval bases in the West Country and experienced a sharp fall in business when British forces mobilised.

Denis Cassidy, chairman of Boddington, described the interim results as appalling and said Devenish would struggle to make good the shortfall during the second half. "There may be a real black hole there," he said.

The proposed dividend increase implies a total payout of 6.10p a share for the year to end September.

Directors said that the increase was justified by the underlying performance of retained businesses after the disposal of wholesaling activities and the sale or closure of its loss-making brewery.

Michael Cannon, the Devenish chairman, said: "The core business of pub retail management has been the principal source of growth in recent years and will be the source of growth in years ahead." Devenish has also increased its estimated net asset value by 6p a share to 277p after two independent valuations, lifting the value of its managed estate, which accounts for most of its outlets, by 5.9 per cent.

The Boddington offer is for 10 of its own shares for every seven Devenish shares, with a cash alternative of 210p. Boddington shares closed unchanged at 152p and Devenish up 1p at 224p, valuing the all-share offer at 217p.

The value of the company's tenanted public house estate, which is concentrated in the Southwest, has declined by 4.5 per cent, according to a valuation by David Morgan & Partners and confirmed by Druce Hotels & Leisure, the valuers.

Morgan also calculates that if offered for sale as a whole, the estate would command a premium of of 15 per cent over the last valuation, adding 32p to net asset value.

The valuation is in sharp contrast to Boddington's own assessment, based on a report by Fleurets, the chartered surveyor, which claims it is worth little more than 200p a share. "Given the state of the property market it is difficult to believe that the estate's value has actually risen," Mr Cassidy said.

The outcome of the bid is not yet clear. Mr Cannon is believed to have met yesterday representatives of the Whitbread Investment company, the investment trust which is owned 49.9 per cent by Whitbread, and which has 15.3 per cent of Devenish and 21.9 per cent of Boddington.

A further 25 per cent of Devenish is owned by the Cannon and Ashdown families, which are believed to be in favour of supporting the incumbent board and ready to reject the current terms.

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Hawthorn Leslie warns of likely loss

By MATTHEW BOND

HAWTHORN Leslie, the USM industrial holding company, has admitted that it has breached certain banking covenants and given a warning that its delayed results for last year will show a substantial loss.

The warning of losses is not a surprise. The company's last set of results, in December, showed a pre-tax loss of £4.5 million for the six months to end June, and the passing of the interim dividend.

Although the company has breached some of its banking covenants, yesterday's announcement said that its principal bankers were still supportive. But their continued support appears to depend on a restructuring exercise.

Details are sketchy but the board says it is discussing the disposal of some of its divisions. Hawthorn Leslie has three main divisions – electrical wholesaling, the importing and distribution of consumer goods, and service provider to the Cellnet and Racal mobile communication networks.

Much of the company's problems arise from its mobile communications business. In the first half of last year, it disconnected 7,000 of its 70,000 customers, who had failed to pay their bills.

Hawthorn Leslie shares were unchanged at 2.5p.

FAS fined £75,000 by Imro

By LINDSAY COOK
MONEY EDITOR

THE Investment Management Regulatory Organisation has fined Financial Administration Systems £75,000 and ordered it to pay the costs for being in breach of Imro rules for more than a year.

The company admitted it had failed to establish and maintain adequate systems to control its accounting records and for the administration of personal equity plans and unit trusts between October 11, 1989, and the end of last year.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Second-half profits vanish at Quadrant

SECOND-HALF pre-tax profits have been virtually wiped out at Quadrant Group, the photographic and video equipment company. The before tax profit figure for the year to end February was £2.81 million (£5.11 million), compared with £2.51 million at the half way stage. However, the company intends to pay an unchanged 2.35p final dividend making 4p (3.85p) for the year.

Management changes at the group include the departure of Jeremy Peace, the chairman, who was replaced by Robert Brothers in March. Mr Brothers intends to use the company's cash pile for diversification into shipping.

TDS losses cut to £2m

TDS Circuits, a circuit board maker, cut its pre-tax loss from £3.51 million to £2.15 million in the year to end February. The loss per share was reduced to 23.83p (28.41p) and once again there is no dividend. TDS described the result as "a positive performance", given the current recession. Turnover dropped to £6.23 million (£8.23 million).

Stratagem passes payout

STRATAGEM Group, the investment company that won a £6.1 million takeover battle for Touchstone, the computer services concern, this year, announced interim pre-tax profits of £18,000 for the six months to end February (£229,000 loss). After taxation of £59,000 there was a loss per share of 1.1p (6.2p loss). There is again no dividend.

Willaire seeks £4.7m

WILLAIRE, the electronics group that expects a pre-tax loss of £1.2 million for the year to end April (£4.2 million profit for the 16 months previously), aims to raise £4.7 million net via a 1-for-12 rights issue at 25p.

Willaire says there will be a further £2.4 million extraordinary losses and that it has little flexibility in its banking facilities. No final dividend will be paid for the year just ended, and the interim dividend due on July 1 on its convertible preference shares is doubtful. Rights money will be used to reduce debt and fund expansion of a subsidiary. Willaire's shares are to be consolidated from 2p into 20p shares.

Russell sees strong finish

RUSSELL Nicolson, the chairman of Alexander Russell, the Scottish quarrying group, delivered an upbeat statement at the group's annual meeting. He said improved results from coal and quarrying, and the recovery and expansion of the concrete division, should provide a strong finish to the year. The shares were unchanged at 95p.

ANZ makes £264m issue

ANZ Bank, Australia's leading banking group, is issuing Aus$600 million (£264 million) of convertible preference shares to strengthen its capital base. The move came as Moody's, the debt rating agency, lowered its rating on ANZ's senior debt from A1 to A2. The agency gave warning that ANZ may have to make further provisions on some of its loans.

Quelle is likely to buy Littlewoods

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH

QUELLE, the German group that is the second largest mail order company in Europe, appears to be the top contender for buying the Littlewoods mail order business that was put up for sale by the stores to football pools group in January.

Rumours of a price of £450 million appear to be on the low side – analysts believe a price of £500 million is more realistic.

Kingfisher, the B&Q to Woolworths group that had examined the Littlewoods business closely, is believed to no longer be interested, and it is doubtful how serious the group ever was about entering the mail order market. Geoff Mulcahy, Kingfisher's chief executive, has a reputation for examining most retail businesses that come up for sale, a practice that means Kingfisher's name is always being linked with retail groups.

Sears, the third contender for Littlewoods, has not been ruled out of the bidding completely although an outright offer by the group, which owns the Freemans mail order business, looks remote. If Sears were to become involved with Littlewoods it would be most likely to do so through a joint venture with Quelle.

Quelle, the 28th largest retailer in Europe, is bigger than Boots and Kingfisher. It has mail order subsidiaries in France, Belgium, Austria, Switzerland and Luxembourg and operates department stores in West Germany as well as a series of retail chains selling electrical goods, clothing, photographic equipment stores, optical goods, furniture and garden equipment.

Quelle has joint ventures in Japan, Russia, Poland and Spain. It is keen to move into Britain, which is the second-largest mail order market in Europe. Littlewoods is Britain's second-largest mail order retailer with around 25 per cent of the market. Great Universal Stores has around 36 per cent of the market.

Tace leaps 20p on news of bid talks

By OUR CITY STAFF

SHARES in Tace, the embattled environmental controls concern, jumped 20p to 184p on news of bid talks.

The company declined to identify possible bidders but market rumours centred on Cambridge Electronics and Haden MacLellan, the engineering conglomerate. Bob Morton, a non-executive director who owns 4.4 per cent of Tace, has also been linked with the company.

Mr Morton was appointed to the board last week, further annoying institutions seeking the removal of the incumbent board. An extraordinary meeting has been called for June 19 to consider resolutions tabled by Norwich Union, supported by Framlington, calling for the removal of Sir David Nicolson, chairman, and the appointment of Michael Beckett in his place.

Investors in Tace who have seen their shares fall from 517p in 1986 to current levels, have had bid hopes dashed once before. In November, Jock Mackenzie, then chairman of Tace, announced that he was selling his family's 21 per cent interest to David Mooney, a Canadian businessman, who was expected to make an offer for the rest of the company.

But the deal was halted less than four weeks later and Mr Mackenzie, who has remained silent on current institutional moves, still retains his shares. He retired in January and was succeeded by Sir David.



Sir David: calls to oust him

Farnell Electronics to pay £61m for STC subsidiary

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH

FARNELL Electronics is buying STC's electronic components distribution business for £61 million in cash. The deal, which was signalled in April, is £20 million more than some analysts had been expecting.

STC is a wholly owned subsidiary of Northern Telecom, the Canadian company that last year paid bought it for £1.9 billion. Farnell will pay cash for the distribution business, known as ESD, and will fund the deal from resources topped up by a £40 million five-year revolving loan facility. The acquisition is subject to shareholder approval.

Farnell says the deal will allow it to accelerate plans for a European distribution network and to address the higher volume segment of the electronic components distribution market. The deal is conditional on there not being a referral to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

ESD is a franchised distributor of electronic components and instruments whose sales last year were £125 million and operating profits £11.4 million. The group has net assets of about £39 million and any shortfall or excess in the net asset value will result in an adjustment to the price.

ESD's main warehouse facility is in Harlow, Essex. This will be made available to Farnell on the same terms as are available to STC. There are ten more sales and administrative offices. The group employs about 900 people in Britain and 42 overseas.

Henry Elstone, Farnell's finance director, said the price paid for the business was a fair one. "Analysts have been estimating between £40 million and £120 million for the business. Given all the information we had available to us we believe £61 million is a good price for Farnell."

The group has not ruled out a rights issue but a £20 million investment, in a warehouse complex in Leeds, would be funded by existing cash resources, £6 million of which has been committed. Farnell's shares rose 13p to 231p.

It is planned that ESD, with its current management structure, and Farnell Electronics will operate separately.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Calls			Puts		
Series	Jul	Oct	Jan	Jul	Oct	Jan
Allid Lyons (*545)	500	62	79	91	5	11	17
	550	28	48	60	21	28	35
	600	9	27	37	55	60	63
ASDA (*116)	100	19	21	23	1	3	4
	110	11	14	16½	3½	6½	7½
	120	4½	8	12	8	12	12
Bass (*991)	929	75	110	–	10	21	–
	977	43	79	–	36	57	–
	1026	20	51	–	58	67	–
Boots (*372)	330	45	53	58	3	6	9
	360	18	32	39	10	16	20
	390	6	18	25	30	33	36
Br Airways (*171)	140	25	31	31	2½	4	7
	160	10	17	20	5½	9	13
	180	3½	9	11	22	23	26
BP (*333)	300	39	44	49	2	5	8
	330	16	25	30	8	14	19
	360	5	11	16½	27	32	34
Br Steel (*127)	120	9½	10	12½	4½	6	8½
	130	3½	5	7½	10	13	14
	140	1½	2½	4¼	20	20½	22
C & W (*509)	500	27	45	58	16	23	28
	550	7	22	35	50	55	60
	600	2	9	19	95	97	99
CU (*493)	460	48	53	68	4	13	14
	500	21	30	45	18	28	32
	550	3	13	24	58	63	65
Courtauld (*404)	360	42	55	62	4	7½	12
	390	20	35	45	13	18	23
	420	7½	21	29	32	36	38
GKN (*345)	330	27	32	43	7	16	19
	360	9	17	27	32	33	34
	390	3	9	17	49	54	56
Grand Met (*774)	750	58	77	96	10	21	29
	800	28	46	65	31	42	51
	850	11	26	44	68	75	81
ICI (*1290)	1200	124	145	175	16	35	43
	1250	87	114	147	30	55	64
	1300	57	85	119	50	77	84
Kingfisher (*482)	460	40	53	68	8½	17	21
	500	16	32	47	27	35	38
	550	4	15	27	69	72	73
Ladbroke (*261)	260	15	24	30½	9	16	20
	280	7	14	21	22	28	30
	300	3	8½	15	40	43	45
Land Sec (*511)	500	16	32	40	16	19	24
	550	2½	11	20	57	59	60
	600	1	3½	–	108	108	–
M & S (*249)	240	17	28	32	4½	7	9½
	260	7	15	21	14	16	19
	280	3	8	13	32	32	33
Sainsbury (*371)	330	49	59	67	1½	4	7
	360	25	37	46	7	11	15
	390	7	20	29	22	25	27
Shell (*510)	460	60	70	78	3	7	10
	500	29	42	52	10	19	23
	550	7	16	28	62	47	50
Smith Beech (*805)	750	75	98	115	6	16	21
	800	40	63	84	20	30	37
	850	15	40	58	49	56	60
Stanchar (*107)	90	20	21	–	1½	3	–
	100	10	13	–	3½	5½	–
	110	4½	8½	–	9½	12	–

	Calls			Puts		
Series	Jul	Oct	Jan	Jul	Oct	Jan
Trafalgar (*236)	220	30	39	42	4	9	14
	240	16	26	30	11	17	24
	260	8	17	21	24	28	35
Ultramar (*301)	280	30	40	45	4	8	12
	300	16	27	35	11	17	18
	330	5	13	20	32	35	37
Unilever (*768)	650	130	149	–	2	3½	–
	700	84	107	128	3½	8	11
	750	40	69	85	13	20	23
	800	14	39	57	40	45	48
Utd Biscuits (*360)	330	41	49	56	2	6½	9
	360	18	29	37	10	17	20
	390	6	15	22	30	36	38

	Series	Jul	Oct	Jan	Jul	Oct	Jan
BAA (*430)		390	48	60	–	7	11	–
		420	29	40	48	19	22	25
		460	9	22	27	45	47	51
BAT Ind (*705)		600	110	115	–	3	8	–
		650	68	77	95	10	18	21
		700	37	47	67	27	37	42
		750	15	27	42	60	67	70
BTR (*387)		360	43	47	57	7	11	14
		390	22	28	39	16	22	25
		420	9	16	26	35	40	42
Br Aero (*594)		550	67	76	92	12	19	22
		600	34	47	63	29	42	46
		650	15	24	40	63	70	73
Br Telecom (*381)		330	58	61	–	3	4½	–
		360	31	38½	45	7	11	13
		390	11½	21	27	21	24	27
Cadbury (*360)		330	66	58	61	4½	7½	10
		360	24	33	42	14	18	21
		390	9	17	26	31	35	38
Guinness (*955)		850	130	145	–	6	13	–
		900	87	106	135	15	25	29
		950	54	76	102	32	41	46
GEC (*195)		180	20	22	25	4	5½	8
		200	6	11	14	14	15	16
		220	2	5	8	31	32	33
Hanson (*220)		200	22½	29½	31½	3¼	5½	9
		220	10	16	19	11	13	17½
		240	3¼	8½	10½	26½	27	30½
LASMO (*321)		300	37	45	53	9	14	16
		330	18	30	38	22	30	33
		360	9	17	24	45	50	50
P & O (*567)		550	48	58	69	14	24	30
		600	20	28	40	40	51	55
		650	8	14	–	80	90	–
Pilkington (*164)		160	14	20	23	10½	14	18
		180	7	11	16	26	28	30
		200	3	6	10	44	45	46
Prudential (*254)		220	26	30	36	4	8	10½
		240	14	19	25	12	17	20
		260	6	10½	–	26	30	–

	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
Racal (*230)		200	36	43	50	4	7	9
		220	22	30	37	9	14	16
		240	13	20	27	21	24	27
		260	6½	13	20	36	39	40

	Calls			Puts		
Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
RTZ (*523)	460	78	83	–	3½	7½	–
	500	46	55	69	11	18	23
	550	18	29	43	36	43	47
	600	6	14	–	80	83	–
Scot New (*398)	330	76	–	–	2½	–	–
	360	48	53	59	5½	9½	13
	390	23	35	41	17	22	25
	420	10	20	28	35	39	42
Tesco (*284)	253	41	–	–	2½	–	–
	280	22	27	33	7½	11	13
	300	10	16	22	19	22	23
Thames W (*306)	280	33	35	38	7	10	13
	300	17	22	28	16	19	22
	330	5	10	15	38	40	41
Lucas (*156)	140	23	26	27	4	7	8
	160	9½	14½	17	11	14	18
	180	3½	6½	–	26	29	–

	Series	Jul	Oct	Jan	Jul	Oct	Jan
Fisons (*485)		390	106	114	–	1	2½	–
		420	77	88	101	1½	5	8
		460	40	58	74	6½	12	18
		500	15	34	50	24	32	35

	Series	Jan	Sep	Dec	Jan	Sep	Dec
Abbey Nat (*283)		240	47	51	58	1	2	3½
		260	28	35	42	2	5½	7½
		280	11	20	28	5	11	14
		300	4	11	18	18	20	22
Amstrad (*64)		60	6½	10	12	1½	4½	6
		70	2	5	7½	7	9	10½
		80	⅛	3	4	17	18	18½
		90	½	1½	2¾	27	27	28
Barclays (*444)		420	32	44	57	3	15	20
		460	8	21	35	22	39	39
		500	2½	9	19	56	63	65
Blue Circ (*238)		240	9	19	27	8½	16	19
		260	3	11	17	23	29	31
		280	1½	6	11	44	44	47
Br Gas (*254)		200	56	58	–	1	1½	–
		220	36	38	39	1	3½	5
		240	18	21	26	2½	9	11
		260	4½	9½	15	10	20	22
Dixons (*207)		180	27	31	36	1	5	7½
		200	11	18	23	5	13	16
		220	3	9	–	19	24	–
Glaxo (*1174)		1100	100	129	154	4	25	31
		1150	58	94	122	13	41	48
		1200	28	64	94	34	63	65
Hawker (*560)		500	63	85	96	3½	13	22
		550	26	52	67	17	28	40
		600	7	29	43	51	62	68
Hillsdown (*237)		220	19	29	32	2½	6	9
		240	7	16	22	11	15	18
		260	1½	9	14	26	28	30
		280	1	4½	9	47	48	49

	Calls			Puts		
Series	Jan	Sep	Dec	Jan	Sep	Dec
Nat Power (*142)	130	16	17	21	1½	5	8
	140	7½	11	15½	3½	10	11
	160	2	5	8	18	25	25

FT-SE INDEX (*£2499)

2350	2400	2450	2500	2550	2600
Calls					
May 153	103	53	2½	½	¼
Jun 172	125	86	46	23	10
Jul 196	152	114	80	49	31
Aug 213	173	137	105	75	54
Dec —	255	—	185	—	120
Puts					
May ½	½	½	½	48	98
Jun 7	12	19	37	68	100
Jul 15	21	34	54	77	108
Aug 20	30	44	61	89	120
Dec —	63	—	98	—	155

May 31, 1991 Total: 22281 Calls 15971 Puts 6310 FT-SE: Calls 3831 Puts 2904
*Underlying security price.

FT-SE 100 VOLUMES

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
Abbey Nat	2,072	CU	708	Lucas	1,993	Royal Ins	1,010
Allid-Lyons	1,781	Courtaulds	1,036	M&S	3,381	Salisbury	802
Anglian	241	Enterprise	773	Mercantil Cm	1,251	Scot & N	953
ASDA	3,301	Eurotunnel	141	MEPC	137	Seare	2,303
Allied Foods	1,159	Fisons	923	Midland	1,471	Severn Trnt	765
Argyll	2,028	Gen Acc	1,553	Natl Power	8,706	Shell	3,269
BAA	298	GEC	2,288	Nat West	1,477	Smith & N	3,387
BET	2,648	Glaxo	2,446	N W Water	594	SK Beech	1,942
BTR	750	Grand Met	1,805	P&O	1,196	Sun Allnce	2,883
BAT	1,545	GUS 'A'	258	Pearson	365	Tarmac	1,514
Barclays	1,536	GRE	1,734	Pilkington	1,797	Tate Lyle	2,340
Bass	740	Guinness	1,260	PowerGen	5,171	TSB	4,380
BICC	374	Hamm 'A'	111	Prudential	8,425	Tesco	2,853
Bk Scotind	531	Hanson	7,354	Racal	6,475	Thames Wtr	823
Blue Circle	1,110	H & C	789	Rk Hovis	307	Thorn EMI	524
BOC	239	Hawker	335	Rank	874	Trafalgar	1,917
Boots	2,103	Hillsdown	1,198	R&C	149	THF	1,097
Br Aero	232	ICI	2,463	Redland	1,865	Ultramar	881
Br Airways	3,654	Kingfisher	1,359	Reed	1,032	Unilever	2,738
Br Gas	7,801	Lasmo	414	Reuters	887	United Bis	1,535
Br Petrol	6,147	Ladbroke	2,473	RMC Gp	341	Welcome	282
Br Steel	4,432	Land Sec	1,244	RTZ	1,287	Whitbrd	1,044
Br Telecm	3,902	L&G	4,277	R-Royce	10,167	Wig Teape	1,329
CAW	3,088	Lloyds	2,289	Rothmn 'B'	289	Williams	2,190
Cadbury	1,898	Lonrho	957	Royal Bank	2,943	Wills Cor	1,198

*Denotes latest trading price

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Aberforth Smlr (100p)	123
Aberforth Split (100p)	106
Alliance Res	22
Alpine Group	18
Brabant Res (165p)	130 –2
CMW Group	58
Contra-Cyclical (100p)	107
Drayton Blue Chip (100p)	102 +1
EPM Inc Tst (65p)	67 +1
Eldos	50
East Germany Inv (100p)	111
Elonbrook	84
Faber Prest	159
Geared Inc (100p)	106
Globe Pet	40
Greencore	222
Greenwich Res	21
Headline Book (100p)	123
MMEC	¾
Malvern UK	102
Manpower	£12½
Mirror Group (125p)	115 +2
Onyx Gold	194
Rlver&Merc Smlr (100p)	102
St James Place	78 –1
Smaller Inv Tst (500p)	75
TR Euro Growth	101
Tollgate	77
Trio Inv Tst (50p)	40
Unichem	170 +3

RIGHTS ISSUES

Argyll N/P	37½ –2½
Benchmark N/P	½
Bioplan N/P	½
Cannon Street N/P	½
Guinness Mahon N/P	¾
Lovell (YJ) N/P	2 –½
Scapa N/P	11 –1

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
May 28	Jun 7	Aug 29	Sep 9

Call options were taken out on: 31/5/91 Atlantic Res, Aviva Petroleum, Berisford Intl, Control Secs, Gold Mines Kalgoorlie, Meadhead, Premier Cons Oil, Queens Moat, Saatchi & Saatchi, Sheashley, Strong & Fisher, Waverley Cameron.
Puts: Brent Walker.
Puts & Calls: Control Secs, Oliver Res, Saatchi & Saatchi, Tuskar Res.

MAJOR INDICES

New York:	
Dow Jones	2996.87 (–3.58)*
S&P Composite	386.30 (–0.66)*
Tokyo:	
Nikkei Average	25789.82 (+142.22)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	3707.01 (+27.29)
FT-SE Euro 100	1158.25 (+9.23)
Amsterdam:	
CBS Tendency	95.6 (+0.5)
Sydney: AO	1510.0 (+9.5)
Frankfurt: DAX	1704.11 (+22.56)
Brussels:	
General	5782.70 (+19.06)
Paris: CAC	488.45 (+4.36)
Zurich: SKA Gen	552.1 (+4.1)
London:	
FT–A All-Share	1201.85 (+3.37)
FT–"500"	1330.52 (+4.71)
FT. Gold Mines	177.0 (+9.2)
FT. Fixed Interest	93.60 (–0.01)
FT. Govt Secs	84.18 (–0.02)
Bargains	33672
SEAQ Volume	478.0m
USM (Datastream)	135.44 (–0.28)

*Denotes latest trading price

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"George Walker's eyes narrowed as he looked round the room at the 10 men who would decide his fate. He needed just four votes, plus his own and Jean's, to remain at the helm of the company he had built from scratch into one of Britain's biggest leisure groups."
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Young tiger walks among paper men

BUSINESS PROFILE
By GILLIAN BOWDITCH

Stephen Walls

A million pound payoff was not sufficient to lure the former head of defeated Plessey into the comfort of early retirement

TONY WHITE



Close relationship: Stephen Walls with his son Roderick, who attends Charterhouse school. His own father despaired of him

When GEC won its bitterly fought takeover battle for Plessey, the electronics group, Stephen Walls, then Plessey's group managing director, treated himself to a black Porsche with cream leather trim. His payoff after two years in the job was rumoured to be £1 million and, at the age of 42, he was in the enviable position of never having to work again.

That was two years ago. He now drives a red Ferrari and runs Wiggins Teape Appleton, the paper group. It is a feature of his life that whenever a door has slammed in his face he has not hesitated to hop straight out of a window.

The GEC bid for Plessey was the second time in his career he had hit the takeover jackpot. Two years earlier, Unilever had acquired Chesebrough Ponds, the American cosmetics company where Walls had worked for 12 years and in which he had some valuable stock options. Walls does not want to talk about his golden handshakes. It is the only time during the course of the interview that he is coy. He is refreshingly frank on the subjects of ambition (searing), money (important) and politics (Conservative); the ingredients that have made him a millionaire at a time when he is still apologising for his youth.

'I find it easy to move from one sector to another, mainly because of my financial and analytical abilities'

But far from putting his feet up, enjoying his wealth and playing golf every Thursday, Walls has chosen to plunge back into a gruelling work schedule. In spite of the fact that he attributes the break-up of his 17-year marriage to his career, he is perfectly happy to put in a 12-hour day or more and then head off to a business dinner.

He says: "Work starts off as a means to an end, it feeds you and provides a roof over your head. Coming out of Plessey, I realised I could sit down and decide what I wanted to do with my life. But the means had overtaken the end and I enjoyed it too much. I wanted back into the cut and thrust of a major company."

The company he chose was Wiggins Teape Appleton, which was demerged from BAT Industries last year and floated on the stock market. The paper industry, dominated by Scandanavian and North American firms, would appear a dull choice for a young Turk with a glamorous image and the ambition of a latter-day Napolean.

Walls, however, sees it as his greatest challenge yet. "The paper industry does not have innovative management, in the main. Most of the senior management in the major paper companies around the world are people who have been in the industry 25 years or so."

He has now been in the industry for 18 months and is already making his mark, a tiger among paper men. Six months after the demerger from BAT, WTA merged with Arjomari-Prioux, the French group. He had achieved in six months what many companies take years to do. "To survive we needed to have the scale to be a world player. We already have critical mass and are a strong pan-European player," he says. Few who would doubt his abilities. He is known as a decisive, if somewhat ruthless, positive thinker who works at Porsche pace. Some worry about the energetic Walls' lack of experience. He admits to a touch of arrogance and there are those who believe he is riding for a fall.

Walls believes his specific skills allow him to move effortlessly from industry to industry. "I find it easy to move from one sector to another, mainly because of my financial skills and analytical abilities.

"I moved into Plessey knowing nothing about electronics but found myself managing director of that large company in little more than a year. I can develop a strategy and motivate a team of people and pull the company forward."

He is enormously photogenic. In black and white photographs, a strong brow and jaw with dark penetrating eyes gives him the air of a romantic pulp fiction hero. The ostrich leather shoes, flash car and love of power reinforce that stereotype. In the flesh, his lack of height and his slightly florid colouring come as a surprise.

He will be 44 this year, but, until recently, his youth has been a problem. He was an early developer, completing his accountancy articles when he was 21. It was frustration with the rigid British idea that anyone under the age of 40 is too young to be given serious business responsibility, that took him to America with Chesebrough Ponds for a large chunk of his career. But he has managed to turn relative youthfulness to his advantage and has seized opportunities as they have arisen.

Sir John Clark, the former Plessey chairman who recruited him to the electronics group, does not believe Walls' age has been a problem.

Sir John says: "I'm told the younger generation is what people want to see these days. He is a very energetic person. I was attracted by his professionalism and his character and he has a very well developed sense of humour. He's a lucid communicator and an easy, open person. He enjoys life and that's important too."

Walls has always lived life in the fast lane and he enjoys driving at speed. His idea of hell is to spend two weeks on a palm-fringed Caribbean beach. "I could cope with it for half an hour and then I would need to find something to do," he says. His personality is perhaps more suited to the American way of life than the British,

and he admits to feeling more at home in America than Britain. He still has a house in Connecticut.

"I'm not wholly English in my views and I can be as critical of the Brits as the French or the Americans," he says. "The British are very difficult to work with and I found it very frustrating when I first came back to Britain."

He says it was the opportunity presented by Plessey that tempted him to cross the Atlantic after the Chesebrough takeover. "I came back despite the geography, not because of it," he says.

Almost as soon as he was back, he regretted it. Sir John Clark had as his chief executive Sir James Blyth, currently chief executive of Boots, and the two men were known to have a stormy relationship. Walls was recruited as finance director.

He says: "The relationship between Sir James Blyth and Sir John Clark was very prickly. I had an inkling about it before I joined Plessey but hadn't realised how bad it was. I was in the worst possible position in that I was reporting to both of them."

The first time it dawned on him that there was a major problem was on his way to the group headquarters from the airport. In the chauffeured car sent to collect him, there were two envelopes. He opened the first from Sir John containing a charming letter of welcome and a programme for his first six weeks at the company. The second contained an equally charming missive from Sir James and a different six-week introductory programme.

"It became clear after the first week or two that something had to give," Walls says. In the end, Sir James left.

"My first reaction was that everyone is allowed one mistake and I had just made it. Then I realised that there was a great opportunity. I could work with Sir John Clark." He became group managing director with the promise of the chief executive's role if Plessey fought off the GEC bid.

It did not, but Walls does not share Sir John's bitterness about the takeover. "I don't feel let down by the City. I can understand how John would be very bitter about the outcome. Certainly, at the time, I felt disappointed. I don't think about it much these days and I don't feel I'd rather be running Plessey today.

"I make a point of never looking backwards. Being frank, it would have been quite difficult if we had been successful. The bid went on for almost ten months. It would have been very tough indeed to pick up the Plessey organisation and move forward."

He did think about writing a book about the takeover and did some work with a ghost writer before deciding that that chapter of his life was closed. The work on the book was not entirely wasted. He fell in love with the ghost writer, Ruth Barry, and they now live together.

Ruth describes him as "a magnetic personality, very easy going, with a great sense of humour". She says he has a high energy level and is good at coping with stress, good at switching off.

His knack of creating opportunities for himself out of the most unpromising situations started when he was 16 and passed only five of the nine O-levels he had taken. He clearly remembers the shock he felt on learning his results.

"It was a great watershed in my life," he says. "Every single one of my school reports said: 'Could do very well if he only tried.' I always did just enough to get by. But, at 16, I realised that if I was going to make anything of my life I would have to apply myself. It was in my own hands."

His teachers at Morecambe grammar school in Lancashire told him they did not think it worthwhile to stay on and he decided to become an accountant, taking articles over five years. That was a decision that did not please his artist father, Ronald Walls, who despaired of his son.

"My father said, 'I cannot believe this is a son of mine standing here saying this. You'll sit on a high stool wearing a green eyeshade and dust will settle on your head and after you leave this world what are they going to say about you, that you balanced the books for 50 years?'"

His father died when Walls was 34. He has only one piece of his father's work and would love to track down more. The relationship between father and son was good in the latter years but not so easy as a child.

"My father made quite a lot of money in his life but spent it all. He had an artistic temperament. He would devote himself to something, work 24 hours a day, get very excited, and you couldn't really talk to him. Then he would finish it and do nothing for two weeks. He drank a lot, which often goes with the patch, and he was very generous to his friends.

"My mother was quite tough but she would have relished the idea of his having a nine-to-five job with a pension and three weeks' holiday a year."

He has one son, Roderick, who is aged 15 and attends Charterhouse. Walls separated from his wife, Lynette, some time ago and they will divorce soon. "My son and I have a close relationship. Interestingly, it's a lot closer than before I separated from my wife. I see him one weekend in three."

He says he will not remarry. "Relationships are very important to me but I think marriage puts pressure on the relationship. It doesn't add anything to it. I'm a person who needs affection and distraction. I like sharing my interests."

He is a health fanatic. When I saw him at 11 am, his secretary informed him he was on his last cup of coffee for the day. In the mornings he takes garlic capsules, vitamin pills and pills for cholesterol. He avoids fatty foods and Ruth says his one indulgence is stodgy puddings.

He says: "I spend a lot of time trying to keep myself in good shape. I run, cycle and I work out regularly. I can cope with a great deal of stress and strain if I have some sort of physical release. I'm religious about my regime."

He tackles new hobbies with gusto. Ruth says: "We went to see the golf the other week and now he is thinking about taking lessons." His music tastes range from classical to Rod Stewart and he enjoys playing the piano. In addition to the house in America, he has an apartment in Chelsea, London, and a house in Surrey. The Ferrari shares garage space with a classic Daimler sports car.

The £420,629 salary he received last year allows him to indulge his artistic tastes. He has one of the largest private collections of Frank Brangwyn's work. The artist knew his father and their style is similar.

Walls is a staunch supporter of the Conservative party. The final condition he placed on accepting the Plessey job was that the Conservatives were re-elected at the last general election.

He says a Labour victory next time could send him back to America.

He is clear about his shortcomings. "I'm impatient, I push people too hard. There is an element of intolerance. People who don't have the same commitment as I do probably find me difficult to work for.

"I may be a little arrogant but I like to think I can still listen. I never used to have a temper and I still don't have much of one."

His ambition, although still strong, has changed over the years. He does not see himself running a large public company for the rest of his career but is unsure about what he will eventually do.

"I enjoy being in a powerful role. I hate indecisiveness and being in a position to be decisive is good. I've always been determined, probably beyond my years. I have enormous ambition. It is something you can never satisfy, you just keep moving the goal posts."

The abolition of the national dock labour scheme has created a favourable climate

Trust ports with £5m trade face privatisation

THE bill for privatisation of Britain's trust ports, which is expected to receive royal assent this month, is likely to enact a rather different policy from that first mooted several years ago. Instead of merely enabling leading trust ports, such as Clyde or Tyne and Tees Port Authority, to opt for privatisation, it is likely to include an element of compulsion for all ports with a turnover above £5 million.

This would include 15 ports, from London and Dover down to Poole and Blyth, and has caused much anxiety among managements.

The abolition of the national dock labour scheme in April 1989, and consequent increases in productivity at the ports, appear to have created a favourable climate for this privatisation.



Wind of change: Britain's ports prepare to face the challenge of privatisation, expected to be introduced soon

The larger ports have generally been gaining at the expense of the smaller. The rates shipping lines are willing to pay have also fallen, so many ports are likely to see turnover fall in the next couple of years. By contrast, capacity is increasing for the first time in years. After the abolition of the scheme capacity that had lain idle since the early Eighties was reopened, including one dock each at Hull and Liverpool. This will exacerbate competition.

When Associated British Ports was privatised in 1982, shares in an "umbrella" holding company owning 19 ports were offered to the public as an integrated concern. Although ABP was a fairly small privatisation, it was sold as a single company with a big market share, now 25 per cent of seaborne tonnage.

The trust ports are likely to follow a different route; initially, each main port will be asked to come up with a privatisation plan, after which bidding will be opened to competitive tender. A concession of perhaps 5 per cent is likely to be made to any management or employee buyout.

None of the ports, individually, are likely to be worth more than £60 million, compared with ABP's current value of more than £450 million, so none are likely to attract investment from the City or from private investors.

Most ports that are in favour of privatisation are planning management or employee buyouts. Medway, for instance, is keen on an employee buyout in the NFC mould while Tilbury, which will be demerged from Port of London Authority, has prepared a management buyout plan. Whichever route is taken, further investment will be required from banks or venture capital funds.

These funds typically require high rates of growth and return on capital to compensate for high risks. Many of the ports, notably the smallest, are unlikely to be able to offer these returns and will find it difficult to attract funding.

Besides, most venture capitalists require an exit route within five years, either through flotation or through a trade sale. Since most of the ports are small, flotation seems unlikely and independence would be short-lived.

With few exceptions, port directors have come up through the industry; they are not used to dealing with government, or with the City. Even relationships with lending banks may not be strong. This has created a problem of credibility for many ports. This was probably one reason for the failure of Tees and Hartlepool Port Authority's private bill in the Lords.

THPA's management had made privatisation plans before the government took up the cudgels. A merchant bank was appointed. Besides port operations, property and distribution activities were identified as potential growth areas, and directors with expertise were brought in.

Despite this, THPA has had a rough ride. Investment in transport and distribution activities is seen by many as a high-risk area.

The majority of ports could well be left open to the possibility of a competitive bid against the port management. P&O, which operates both the Port of Felixstowe and North Sea Ferries, might find Ipswich attractive.

The abolition of the dock labour scheme would make this slightly easier, since a distribution company would be able to operate on-port warehouses, distribution centres or even packaging operations, without employing registered dock workers.

Value can be added to the transhipment function by the addition of these operations. This is certainly the way that many European ports have developed, without the handicap of the scheme. This gives the ports a much more effective way of locking customers into long-term agreements and also increases the potential value of port property.

But this is a long-term possibility, and it is unlikely that any of the large distribution groups, such as NFC or Transport Developments Group, would invest directly in the ports business.

Geographical diversification by other ports companies is a more tangible possibility. ABP, for instance, has a large gap between its Humber ports and Southampton, though it already has much on its plate. Hong Kong International Terminals has already expressed a definite interest in the Port of Tilbury.

A third possible type of predator is the property company, or asset stripper. Some ports possess large tracts of land not far from city centres, that can be profitably redeveloped. Indeed, over the past few years sales of development land in the Royal Docks have accounted for a large part of the Port of London Authority's profits. Clawback provisions in the privatisation Bill may discourage some investors.

The way forward for many ports will be fraught with difficulty. One potential solution does seem attractive. There is no reason why some of the trust ports should not get together under the aegis of a larger holding company. This holding company could then be made of sufficient size to look forward to independent flotation within four or five years; it could also recruit specialist management on the financial side, in order to tackle the apparent credibility gap between the ports and the City.

It seems an attractive idea. But one wonders whether the ports' managements are ready to seize this opportunity for change quite yet.

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TEMPUS

Dowty fellow bids a sudden farewell

NEWS of Tony Thatcher's sudden departure from Dowty Group was accepted with relatively good grace by the market – if not necessarily by his boardroom colleagues. It must have taken some nimble footwork on the part of the investor relations team to restrict the share price to a 3p fall at 177p on the day the company lost both its chairman and its highly regarded chief executive.

On the other hand, shrewder observers may have read something in the performance of the Dowty share price over the past week – it was trading at 190p last Friday.

Nerves were undoubtedly steadied by the company's prompt assurances on trading, which is apparently no worse than envisaged early in April when it unloaded 2,500 of its workforce and forecast that profits would be down by as much as a third.

Further encouragement will have been taken from the fact that Dowty had respected replacements ready-made for both positions.

The Dowty Mr Thatcher leaves behind is better for his involvement, given the twin horrors of swingeing defence cuts and a deep economic recession. His departure is unlikely to herald any significant change of policy.

There will be renewed speculation too that Dowty could attract a takeover bid, although after yesterday's events any company with predatory ideas will want sight of the preliminary results before showing its hand.

Smith New Court's prediction of £60 million pre-tax is near the top of the range, and would produce earnings of 14.6p, covering the expected unchanged 9p dividend just 1.6 times. It also indicates an earnings multiple of more than 12. This is not the time to buy.

Henderson Administration

THE departure of a substantial chunk of Henderson Administration's client list explains why modern fund managers are so twitchy about their short-term portfolio performance.

Henderson made a bad bet on the dollar last summer, although few could have predicted the effects of the Iraqi invasion on the foreign exchange markets. Nevertheless, the company will spend years rebuilding its reputation and revenue.

The loss of business was not confined to the institutional investment side. The number of unit trust holders fell 13 per cent to 118,000, although there was strong growth in Personal equity plans, from



Leaving: Lord Harrowby (right), Dowty's chairman, and Tony Thatcher

23,000 to 30,000.

The effects of the slump in the world's stock markets and Henderson's own underperformance are apparent in the group's figures for the year to end March. Pre-tax profits fell 28 per cent to £15.9 million, due to a 14 per cent decline in revenue to £41.2 million.

The slump would have been worse if Henderson had not undergone a restructuring, separating its investment, institutional and retail marketing and administration functions.

Henderson has net cash approaching £60 million and wants to buy undervalued investment companies, particularly any that would widen its marketing base. But asset management is an increasingly global business and Henderson does not have the resources to compete internationally.

Henderson may be well advised to form a partnership with a continental institution. The group should make £19 million pre-tax in the current year, rating the shares, at 630p, at 10 times' earnings. High enough, until it regains its customers' approval.

Devenish

BODDINGTON must accept that Devenish is the one that got away. Despite the commercial logic behind the combination of the two public house estates, its bid, declared final yesterday, is too low and deserves to fail.

The target's ongoing businesses should deliver earnings of 21.3p a share this year, leaving Boddington's offer on a multiple of just 10.3 and at a 21 per cent discount to adjusted net asset value.

Devenish's interim profits were disappointing and provide Denis Cassidy, Boddington's chairman, with the excuse he needs for refusing to pay more than his company can afford.

Given the difficult trading conditions of the first half, Devenish has set itself a stiff challenge if it is to maintain full-year profits. But its task will be a lot easier after the disposal of wholesaling activities and a debt reduction.

The company no longer has the distraction of its loss-making brewery to contend with and will receive net cash of £25 million as a result of the restructuring, reducing gearing to less than 15 per cent.

WALL STREET

New York

THE Dow Jones industrial average slipped by 9 points to 2,991.45 in mid-morning after rising to 3,012. Analysts said that the blue chips' 100-point advance in four trading sessions was too much, too soon.

Tokyo – Shares closed firmer for the third day on the back of Wall Street's four-day rally. The Nikkei index rose 142.22 points, or 0.55 per cent, to 25,789.62. *(Reuter)*

	May 31 midday	May 30 close		May 31 midday	May 30 close		May 31 midday	May 30 close
Abbott Lab	51¼	52½	Enron	60⅝	60⅞	Cnyx Energy	33	33⅛
Aetna Life	41¼	41⅜	Entergy	24¼	24¼	Pac Ent	31⅜	31⅜
Ahmanson	19⅝	19⅝	Ethyl	30	28½	Pac Gas Elec	25⅝	26
Air Prods	71⅝	70⅝	Exxon	57½	58⅜	Pac Telesis	40⅝	40⅝
Albertsons	41	41⅛	Fed NMA	50⅝	50⅝	Paccar	49	49½
Alcan Al	21⅜	20⅛	Fedrl Exprs	39⅝	38⅝	Pacificorp	21	21⅛
Alco Stand	30⅞	30⅛	Fst Nortstar	24⅝	24⅝	Pnk	38	38
Allied Signal	29½	30	Fluor	48	47⅜	Paramount	39⅝	39
Alumin CA	70⅝	71⅜	FMC	42⅛	41⅛	Parker-Hanin	28⅝	28
Am Brands	42⅜	41⅞	Ford Motor	36⅝	35⅞	Penney	58	57⅝
Am Cyanmd	64⅜	65⅛	FPL	30½	30⅝	Pennzoil	68⅛	68⅛
Am EFC	28⅝	28⅜	Fst Chicago	28⅛	27⅛	Pepsico	31⅛	31⅛
Am General	39⅜	39⅛	Fst Interstt	40⅜	40⅝	Pfizer	58⅛	58
Am Home	89⅝	89⅜	Fst Union	22⅝	22⅝	Philips Pet	29⅝	29⅛
Am Intl	66½	66⅝	Gannett	43⅛	43⅛	Philips Elec	20⅜	20⅜
Am Medical	12⅜	12	Gen Cinema	23⅜	23	Phip Morris	67⅜	68⅜
Am Stores	83⅛	85	Gen Elec	76⅝	76¼	Phips Dodge	64⅜	63⅜
Amax	24⅝	24⅜	Gen Mills	58⅞	58⅜	Pitney Bow	59⅜	59⅛
Amer Hosp	53⅜	53⅜	Gen Motors	42⅝	42⅝	Plcr Dome	12⅜	12⅜
Amertech	60	60⅛	Gen RE	62⅜	62⅜	PNC Fncl	36⅛	35⅞
Amex	25⅜	25⅞	Gen Signal	44¼	44½	Pnkds Estn	12⅛	12⅛
Amoco	61⅜	61⅞	Genentech	28⅜	29¼	Polaroid	24½	24⅜
AMP	51⅛	50⅞	Genuine Pts	40⅞	40⅝	PPG Inds	54⅜	53⅜
AMR	66⅜	65⅞	Georgia-Pac	56⅜	55⅞	Procr Gmble	84⅛	86⅛
Anheuser-B	51¼	52⅝	Gillette	36⅜	36⅝	Prtce	55⅝	56⅜
Apple Comp	47	47⅝	Goodrich	40⅝	40	Primerica	31⅝	31⅞
Archer-Dan	22⅞	22⅛	Goodyear	26	25⅝	Pub Service	27⅛	27⅞
Arkla	18⅝	18⅛	Grace	33⅜	32⅝	Quaker Oats	58	57⅜
Armstrong	28⅜	27⅝	Greyhound	34⅝	34⅜	Ralston Pur	53⅜	53⅜
Asarco	24⅝	25¼	Gt Atlantic	47⅞	47⅛	Raychem	30	29⅞
Ashland Oil	32⅜	32⅛	Gt Western	19	19	Raythean	84⅜	83⅛
AT&T	36⅝	37⅜	GTE	29⅜	29⅝	Reebok	22⅝	22½
Atlan Richfld	121⅛	122⅛	Halliprtn	44⅛	43⅝	Roadway	53½	53½
Auto DP	35⅜	35⅜	Heinz	37⅞	38⅜	Rockwell	27⅝	27⅝
Avery Intl	24⅝	25	Hercules	39⅞	39⅝	Rohm Haas	42⅝	41⅞
Avon Prod	44	44⅛	Hershey Fd	43⅝	43⅜	Royal Dutch	61⅞	62
Baltimore	29⅜	29⅝	Hewlett Pkd	54⅜	53⅝	Rubbermaid	52⅜	51⅝
Banc One	39⅝	39⅝	Hilton Htl	48¼	49⅛	Rynlds Mtl	63⅜	63⅝
Bankamerica	39⅝	40	Home Depot	66	66⅛	Safeco	46⅝	43⅝
Bard	26⅝	27⅞	Homestake	14⅝	15	Salomon	36	34⅜
Barnett Bl	29⅝	30	Honeywell	61½	60⅞	Sant Fe Pac	9⅝	9
Bausch Lmb	66⅝	66⅞	Houston Ind	36⅛	36⅝	Sara Lee	39⅛	40⅝
Baxter Intl	34⅝	35	Heskid Intl	48⅝	48⅛	Schecorp	39⅜	39⅝
Bec Dickin	78	78	Humana	51⅛	51½	Schlumbgr	63⅛	62⅝
Bell Atlan	47⅝	47⅜	IBM	105½	104⅞	Schrg-Plgh	51⅞	52⅛
Bellsouth	46⅝	50	IF&F	62⅜	62⅜	Scott Pepr	44⅝	44½
Blkr Hughes	27⅛	27⅞	Illinois TW	63⅜	63	Segram	106⅜	105½
Black Decker	15⅝	15	Inco	34⅝	33¾	Sears Rbk	40	40
Block	53⅜	53⅜	Ingsol-Rand	51⅛	50½	Secrty Pac	26⅝	26⅝
Brdcs Tst NY	53⅝	53⅜	Inland Steel	22⅜	22	Shrwn-Wllms	25⅝	25⅛
Boeing	48	48⅝	Intel	54⅝	53⅞	Skyline	16⅝	16½
Boise Cesc	26⅛	26⅝	Intl Paper	77	66⅝	Snap-on Tls	29⅝	30⅛
Borden	38	38⅜	ITT	61⅛	60⅝	Southern	27⅝	27⅝
Brist-Myer	91⅛	92⅜	James River	25⅝	25⅛	Sth Paul	88	88⅝
Browng-Fer	29½	29⅜	Johnsn John	90⅝	91⅛	Stardey Wk	37⅞	36⅝
Burl Nth	33½	33⅜	K Mart	48⅜	46⅝	Stone Cntr	21⅛	20⅝
CAI	9¾	9⅝	Kellogg	68	68⅛	Sun Co	32⅝	32⅜
Campbell Sp	79⅝	79½	Kerr-McGee	42⅝	42⅜	Sunst Bk	29	29⅛
Cap Cities	448⅝	447⅞	Kimbly-Clrk	56⅛	56⅝	Super Valu	28	28⅛
Capital HC	48⅝	48⅝	Knight-Ridr	55⅝	54⅞	SW Bell	51½	51⅝
Carolina	46	46⅛	Lilly	79⅝	80	Syntex	40⅛	41⅞
Caterpillar	50⅝	49⅝	Limited	29⅜	29⅝	Sysco	42⅝	43⅜
CBS	157⅛	166½	Lin Bdcstg	67⅛	68⅛	Tandem	17⅜	17
Central SW	45⅞	46	Lincln Nat	48⅝	48⅝	Tandy	33⅝	33
Champion	29⅛	29	Litton Ind	82⅞	82⅛	Tele-comm	15⅛	16
Chase Man	19⅝	19⅜	Lockheed	41⅞	41⅞	Teledyne	20⅛	20
Chem Bnkg	21⅛	21	Louis-Pac	43	41⅞	Temple-In	44½	42⅝
Chevron	73	73⅜	Manu Hano	25⅛	25⅛	Tenneco	45⅝	44⅞
Chrysler	14⅜	14⅛	Marriott	22⅝	21⅜	Texaco	64	64⅝
Chubb	70⅝	69⅝	Marsh Mclan	77⅛	78⅜	Texas Inst	38⅝	37⅝
Cigna	50	50	Martin Mar	59⅝	60⅜	Texas Util	36⅞	36⅝
Citicorp	16⅝	16	Masco	25⅝	24⅝	Textron	34⅛	34⅛
Citrne Liz	45⅝	44⅝	May Dept	59	58⅜	Time Wrnr	119⅝	119⅝
Clorox	40⅝	40⅛	Maytag	15⅞	16	Times Mrr	30⅝	30⅛
Cmwlth Edis	36⅛	37	McDnl Doug	52⅜	51⅝	Timken	27⅝	28⅜
CNA Fncl	79⅝	80⅞	McDonalds	35⅛	35⅛	Torchmark	34⅝	34½
Coastal	36⅜	36⅝	McGraw-Hill	62⅜	61⅞	Toys R Us	30⅜	30⅜
Coca-Cola	57	57⅜	MCI Com	31⅛	31⅞	Transam	34⅝	34
Colgate-Pal	40⅜	40⅜	Mead	38⅛	38	Travelers	34⅝	35
Columb Gas	40⅛	40⅜	Medtronic	118⅝	118⅝	Tribune	48	45⅝
Compaq	37⅜	37⅝	Mellon Bk	29⅞	30⅛	TRW	41¼	41⅜
Consgn	45⅛	45⅜	Melville	52⅝	51⅝	Tyco Lab	49¼	49⅜
Cons Edis	24⅛	24⅜	Merck	117⅞	120⅝	UAL	153	152⅝
Cons NG	42⅛	42⅜	Merl Lynch	40	40⅛	Un Camp	46⅛	44⅜
Cons Rail	55⅝	55⅛	MM&M	93⅜	92⅝	Un Carbide	20⅝	19⅞
Cooper Ind	54⅝	54⅜	Mobil	65⅞	65⅞	Un Pacific	86⅝	86⅛
Corning	61⅛	62⅛	Monsanto	88⅛	89⅝	Unilever	84⅛	84⅜
CPC Intl	88⅝	89	Moore	28⅝	28⅞	Unisys	3⅞	3⅞
Crown Cork	72⅝	73⅛	Morgan	54⅝	54⅝	Unocal	25⅛	25⅜
CSX	46⅝	46⅛	Motorola	69⅝	69	Upjohn	45⅛	45⅛
Dana	35	34⅜	Nat Medical	46⅝	48	US West	36⅝	36⅝
Dayton-Hud	78⅛	78	Nat Semi	7	6⅞	Usair Gp	17⅛	17⅛
Deere	56	54⅜	Nat Service	25⅝	25¾	USF&G	10⅞	10⅝
Delta Air	74⅜	74	Navistar	3⅝	3⅝	US Life	39⅞	40
Deluxe	41⅞	41	NCNB	41½	41⅞	UST	44⅜	45⅜
Detroit Ed	28⅝	28⅝	NCR	105⅝	105⅝	USX Mar	n/a	n/a
Digital Eq	68⅛	69⅜	NED Engp	39¼	38⅞	Utd Tech	45⅛	44⅜
Dillard	129⅝	127½	Newmnt Min	36⅜	36⅝	Utd Telcm	29⅛	28⅝
Disney	113⅜	116⅝	Nlagr Mhwk	15⅝	15⅝	VF	30⅞	31⅛
Dominion	47⅝	47⅝	Nike	38⅝	38⅝	Wal-Mart	43⅛	43⅛
Donnelley	47¼	46⅝	NL Indstrs	14⅛	15⅛	Waste Mgmt	40⅛	40⅛
Dover	43	41⅝	Nordstrm	45	45	Wells Fargo	95	95⅛
Dow Chem	54⅝	54⅜	Norfik Sthn	48	47⅝	Westg Elec	29⅝	29½
Dow Jones	28⅛	28⅝	Norwest	28⅞	29⅝	Weyerhsr	30½	29⅞
Dresser Ind	21⅛	21½	Nthn St Pwr	34	34	Whirlpool	33	32⅝
Du Pont	47⅝	48⅜	Nthn Telcm	37¼	37½	Whittman	13½	13⅝
Duke Pwr	27⅞	28	NY Times	23⅜	22⅝	Wlmn-Dixie	37⅛	37⅞
Dun Bradst	48⅜	48⅝	Nynex	71⅛	70⅞	Woolworth	32⅝	31⅞
East Kodak	42	42½	Occid Petrl	21	20⅝	Wrigley	62½	63
Eaton	56⅝	56⅛	Ohio Ed	18⅝	18⅝	Wrnr-Lamb	71⅝	73½
Emerson El	47⅝	47⅞	Oracle Sys	7⅝	7⅝	Xerox	57⅜	58½

Glaxo hit by ADR sales and publicity fears

THE Glaxo pharmaceuticals group lost 30p to £11.74 after a combination of selling of the American Depository Receipts and concern before last night's television programme on the treatment of asthma.

Dealers were wary about the BBC 2 programme, which was said to be critical of asthma treatments and mentions Serevent, Glaxo's new medication. Glaxo said that it was aware that Serevent, its new drug, was to be discussed in the BBC's *Public Eye* programme, but that it had no knowledge that the references would be negative and dismissed any criticisms of the drug.

A Glaxo spokesman said: "Serevent is a very good product for the treatment of asthma. It has been very well received by physicians in the UK. It is a significant advance." However, dealers felt that any poor publicity could affect sales of the drug, which has been on sale for about six months.

Martin Hall, a pharmaceuticals analyst at UBS Phillips and Drew, said: "The programme severely criticises Glaxo and its advertising."

Paul Woodhouse, an analyst at Smith New Court, added: "In effect, it shows how brittle sentiment is."

Meanwhile, the euphoria on Wall Steet, which had seen the Dow Jones industrial average close above 3,000 overnight,

STOCK MARKET

gave a welcome boost to the London market.

Shares came off their best levels after a mixed start on Wall Street, with the FT-SE 100 index ending 8.3 higher at 2,499.5, having been up 16.5. Last night's close means a rise of 45.6 on the account. The narrower FT index of 30 shares rose 8.7 to 1,957.2, up 31 on the account. Turnover reached 478 million shares. Government securities settled £$^{1}/_{16}$ lower.

Dixons jumped 12p to 213p as 2 million shares were traded after late talk in the market that Kingfisher, the Woolworths, Comet, B&Q and Superdrug stores group, may launch a bid for the electrical retailer on Monday morning. Others attributed the rise in Dixons's share price to a bear squeeze at the end of the account and aggressive buying of the options.

Nick Bubb, a retail specialist at Morgan Stanley, the American securities house, said: "Morgan Stanley have consistently been buyers of the stock recently. This had to leave the market short and eventually squeeze the price."

The recent talk of a Eurobond issue by Kingfisher, up 2p to 482p, has now switched to how Kingfisher would use any proceeds. Other candidates for a bid from Kingfisher include Storehouse, up 5p at 107p, Asda, 1p lower 116p, and Sears, 2½p firmer at 82½p.

Dividend-buying helped to support a number of leaders. BAT Industries gained 11p to 705p, although the share also benefited from a buy note from Barclays de Zoete Wedd. Nyren Scott-Malden, a BZW analyst, said: "The shares have been helped by currency factors, while I sent out a buy note, saying the shares were 10p to 20p undervalued on a sum of the parts basis."

Others attracting dividend support included Bass, up 11p to 991p, Whitbread A, ahead 11p to 511p, and Courtaulds, 8p dearer at 404p. British Airways rose 7p to 171p, benefiting from dividend buying and improved market sentiment in the wake of the pay cuts for Lord King, the chairman, and Sir Colin Marshall, the chief executive.

Brent Walker dived 8p to 21p after the resignation of George Walker as chief executive on Thursday.

Tace, the engineering group, leapt 21p to 185p after the news of talks "which may lead to an offer".

Laporte, the speciality chemicals group, recovered 8p to 538p after reports of a broker's recommendation.

PHILIP PANGALOS

UNIT LINKED INSURANCE INVESTMENTS

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
AETNA LIFE INSURANCE				
401, St John Street, London EC1V 4QE				
071-837 8494				
Life Funds				
Squirrel	15.13	15.93	+0.02	..
Bear	15.67	15.57	+0.01	..
Owl	15.57	16.39	+0.02	..
Bull	14.35	15.11	+0.01	..
Stag	14.73	15.51	..	..
Gilt Edged	13.86	..	..	..
Deposit	13.49	..	+0.02	..
Pensions				
Squirrel	19.18	20.19	+0.03	..
Bear	19.04	20.05	..	..
Owl	19.84	20.89	+0.03	..
Bull	17.44	18.36	..	..
Stag	17.24	18.15	+0.01	..
Gilt Edged	16.22	..	+0.01	..
Deposit	16.27	..	+0.03	..
Exempt App Mixed	165.5	169.0	+0.33	..
ABBEY LIFE				
80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL				
0202 292373				
Property Fund Inc	270.6	284.9	..	..
Do Accum	439.7	462.9	..	..
Equity Fund Income	129.8	136.7	-0.1	..
Do Accum	154.8	163.0	-0.1	..
Selective Fund	356.6	375.4	+0.5	..
Income Fund	359.7	329.0	+0.6	..
Prop Fd Ser 4	262.5	311.1	..	..
Equity Ser 4	158.2	166.6	-0.1	..
Man Ser 4	467.3	491.9	+0.6	..
Conv Ser 4	274.2	288.7	+0.5	..
Money Ser 4	274.8	286.5	+0.5	..
Fixed Int Fd Ser 4	254.1	267.5	+0.6	..
American Ser 4	342.0	360.1	+0.6	..
High Inc Ser 4	467.4	503.6	+0.9	..
Indexed Inv Ser 4	157.4	165.7	+0.5	..
Japan Ser 4	300.0	315.8	+2.2	..
ALBANY LIFE				
2, Dantes Lane, Potters Bar				
0707 42311				
Equity Fd Acc	£11.56	12.17	+0.03	..
European Fd Accum	261.8	275.7	+0.5	..
Fixed Int Acc	357.4	467.8	+1.9	..
Gtd Money Fd Acc	289.1	294.8	+0.5	..
Intl Man Fd Acc	418.8	440.5	+1.7	..
Japan Fund Fd Acc	231.6	244.0	+1.1	..
Pacific Fund Acc	270.5	284.7	+1.7	..
Nth American Fd Acc	232.8	245.0	+1.0	..
Prop Fd Acc	333.6	350.4	+0.3	..
Multiple Inv Acc	789.7	805.9	+4.2	..
ALLIED DUNBAR ASSURANCE				
Swindon SN1 1EL				
0793-514514				
Fixed Int Dep Accum	313.7	330.3	+0.4	..
Equity Accum	994.8	1047.2	+6.7	..
Property Accum	504.5	531.1	+3.2	..
Fixed Int Accum	206.3	217.2	+0.8	..
Managed Capital	417.8	439.3	+2.5	..
Do Accum	776.8	817.7	+4.9	..
Overseas Accum	675.9	711.5	+4.6	..
Gilt Edged Accum	350.8	369.1	+1.6	..
Amer Equity Accum	537.5	565.8	+19.4	..
Amer Man Accum	240.2	252.8	+1.4	..
Amer Prop Accum	128.3	133.0	+0.8	..
ASTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
36 Charlotte Terrrd Aberdeen AB9 1DJ				
Freephone 0800 833 388				
International	209.2	220.2	-0.49	..
High Income	189.2	199.2	..	..
Income & Growth	294.8	310.4	+0.46	..
Basic Resource	129.2	134.9	+0.24	..
American	186.7	207.1	+1.5	..
Japan & General	406.6	428.3	-3.97	..
Special Situations	239.9	252.5	+0.34	..
BARCLAYS LIFE				
252, Romford Rd, London E7 9HB				
081-534 5544				
Equity Accum	625.7	637.6	-2.2	..
Do Initial	452.4	478.3	-3.2	..
Gilt Edged Accum	298.5	292.7	+0.1	..
Do Initial	202.4	213.1	+0.3	..
International Accum	228.4	303.6	-1.0	..
Do Initial	213.8	225.1	+1.2	..
Managed Accum	384.8	405.1	+0.6	..
Do Initial	268.8	283.0	+0.5	..
Money Accum	244.5	257.7	-0.3	..
Do Initial	178.2	187.6	-0.1	..
Property Accum	272.4	286.8	+0.1	..
Do Initial	202.6	213.3	+0.1	..
America Accum	190.6	200.6	+0.5	..
Do Initial	144.8	152.3	-0.7	..
Australia Accum	148.0	169.7	-1.6	..
Do Initial	111.4	117.3	-1.2	..
Financial Accum	283.0	245.3	-0.1	..
Do Initial	177.4	186.8	..	..
500 Accum	308.9	324.9	-1.9	..
Do Initial	231.7	243.8	-1.4	..
Japan &Gen Acc 2	329.3	346.7	+3.5	..
Do Initial 2	245.7	258.7	+3.0	..
Eastern Accum	378.8	398.7	+2.6	..
Do Initial	285.6	300.7	+2.0	..
Leisure Accum	188.3	198.3	+1.3	..
Special Sits Accum	148.3	157.2	-1.2	..
Unitv Tech Accum	106.9	112.6	+1.4	..
Do Initial	83.3	87.7	+1.0	..
BLACK HORSE LIFE				
Mountbatten House Chatham Kent ME4 4JF				
0634 834500				
The Managed Fund	577.56	..	+2.01	..
Income Fund	578.6	609.0	-0.05	..
Extra Income Fund	527.0	554.7	+0.66	..
Worldwide Growth Fd	384.2	393.4	-0.62	..
Restricted Fund	486.9	512.5	+0.89	..
Smlr Co's & Re Fd	470.3	495.0	-0.92	..
Int Technology Fund	365.4	384.6	+0.12	..
N Amer & Gen Fund	284.0	299.0	+1.02	..
Energy Int Fund	131.4	137.9	-0.94	..
Pacific Basin Fund	287.3	302.3	-0.24	..
German Growth Fd	178.1	188.4	+4.15	..
Japan Growth Fd	156.3	163.4	-2.47	..
The UK Gth Fd	165.1	173.7	+4.03	..
Contl Euro Gth	98.90	93.58	+1.92	..
Property Fund	311.7	328.1	+0.59	..
Fixed Interest Fund	269.7	285.0	+1.47	..
Cash Fund	239.4	252.0	+0.3	..
Managed Inv Fund	368.7	378.6	+1.27	..
Nth Amer Recov	185.9	174.8	+2.59	..
Abbrad Fund				
Managed Growth	311.0	327.4	+0.83	..

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
CANADA LIFE				
2-6, High St, Potters Bar, Herts				
P Bar 51122				
Equity Growth	205.8	..	-2.8	..
Managed	236.3	248.8	+0.5	..
Property	179.0	188.4	+0.6	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	170.5	179.5	+0.1	..
Index-Linked	148.9	157.9	+0.5	..
Equity	261.8	275.4	+0.5	..
Cash	189.7	199.6	+0.5	..
Can Life Euro Mg Fd	245.5	258.5	+1.2	..
Can Life Int Fd	258.2	271.8	+1.4	..
CANNON ASSURANCE				
1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB				
081-902 8878				
Capital Gtn Acc	98.2	101.8	-0.2	..
Equity Units	232.56	..	+0.04	..
Property Units	227.76	..	..	..
Bal Bd Exempt Unit	248.13	50.83	+0.44	..
2nd Equity Accum	476.2	503.8	+0.2	..
2nd High Inc/Accum	469.4	496.7	-1.4	..
2nd Property Accum	265.0	280.6	..	..
2nd Managed 2 Acc	139.1	147.2	+0.9	..
2nd Managed Acc	336.7	356.4	+3.1	..
2nd Managed 4 Acc	180.4	190.7	+1.6	..
2nd Deposit Accum	256.8	262.5	+0.4	..
2nd Gtt Accum	222.0	234.9	+0.2	..
2nd Amer Accum	383.6	406.1	+17.6	..
2nd Intl Money Ac	201.0	213.7	+0.5	..
2nd Index Accum	144.8	153.2	+0.2	..
2nd Far East Accum	313.9	332.1	+1.7	..
2nd Global Accum	111.1	117.6	+2.7	..
2nd Euro Accum	121.2	128.4	+1.4	..
2nd Japan Accum	179.8	190.3	+5.8	..
2nd Heritage Acc	71.5	75.7	..	..
2nd Intl Curr Bond	112.7	119.3	+1.2	..
CITY OF WESTMINSTER ASSURANCE				
Sentry House, 800, Avebury Blvd,				
Central Milton Keynes MK9 2LA				
0908-696101				
Property Fund	207.2	218.1	..	..
Money Fund	316.7	333.4	+0.4	..
Managed Fund	451.2	475.1	+0.5	..
Equity Fund	253.1	266.5	+0.6	..
Fixed Interest Fund	170.0	184.5	..	..
Far East Fund	387.3	407.7	..	..
Nth Amer Fund	111.7	117.6	..	..
Nat Resources Fund	236.0	248.5	..	..
CLERICAL MEDICAL/FIDELITY INTERNATIONAL				
Narrows Path, Bristol BS2 0JH				
0272 290566				
Assurance Funds				
Sapphire Mixed	206.5	219.5	+2.6	..
Ruby	113.7	119.7	+1.6	..
Emerald	111.8	117.8	+0.2	..
Equity	243.3	256.2	+2.9	..
Property	182.8	192.5	..	..
Gtt & Fixed Int	149.8	157.7	+0.4	..
Indexed Sacs	130.1	137.0	+0.3	..
Cash	156.3	164.6	+0.3	..
Nth American	148.6	156.5	+0.7	..
Far E Asec	202.9	213.6	+1.3	..
International	162.3	170.9	+3.0	..
Special Sits	204.6	215.4	+1.2	..
Intl Income	212.5	224.1	+2.6	..
American Inc	130.3	137.2	+0.6	..
European	228.4	238.4	+2.9	..
Japanese	124.9	131.5	+1.6	..
SE Asia	185.3	195.1	+1.5	..
Home Inv WP Reg	124.1	130.6	+0.1	..
Home Inv WP Spec	124.1	130.6	+0.1	..
Flexible Retirement Plans Funds				
Mixed	212.8	224.1	+2.0	..
Equity	255.5	269.0	+2.7	..
Property	158.5	163.6	-0.2	..
Gtt & Fixed Int	168.7	177.6	+0.6	..
Index Linked	140.3	147.7	+0.3	..
Cash	195.5	205.8	+0.4	..
Nth American	174.8	183.8	+1.5	..
Far East Acc	229.9	241.0	+1.5	..
International Acc	197.1	207.5	+3.4	..
Special Sits	289.6	304.9	+1.9	..
European Flex	284.1	299.1	+3.8	..
COLONIAL MUTUAL				
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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Blue Circle	Building,Roads	
2	Brammer	Industrials A-D	
3	Scot & New	Breweries	
4	Telfos	Industrials S-Z	
5	South West	Water	
6	LASMO	Oil,Gas	
7	Tipbook	Transport	
8	Higgs & Hill	Building,Roads	
9	Warburg SG	Banks,Discount	
10	Hutchsn Whampoa	Industrials E-K	
11	First Leisure	Leisure	
12	Raine Ind	Building,Roads	
13	Glynwed	Industrials E-K	
14	Bunzl	Paper,Print,Adv	
15	Reed Int	Newspapers,Pub	
16	Southend Prop	Property	
17	Williams Hldgs	Industrials S-Z	
18	Bank Of Ireland	Banks,Discount	
19	T & N	Industrials S-Z	
20	Norcros	Industrials L-R	
21	Shell	Oil,Gas	
22	Westpac	Banks,Discount	
23	Davy	Industrials A-D	
24	Meyer Int	Building,Roads	
25	Meggitt	Industrials L-R	
26	WS P Hldgs	Industrials S-Z	
27	Lucas	Motors,Aircraft	
28	Pearson	Newspapers,Pub	
29	Ratners Group	Drapery,Stores	
30	Granada	Industrials E-K	
31	McAlpine (Alfred)	Building,Roads	
32	BSS Group	Industrials A-D	
33	Medeva	Industrials L-R	
34	Br Petroleum	Oil,Gas	
35	Jardine Math	Industrials E-K	
36	Charter Cons	Industrials A-D	
37	Weir	Industrials S-Z	
38	Harrison Crosfld	Industrials E-K	
39	Marley	Building,Roads	
40	Eurotunnel Units	Transport	
41	Northumbrian	Water	
42	Cable Wireless	Electricals	
43	Spring Ram	Industrials S-Z	
44	Hopkinsons	Industrials E-K	
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Weekly Dividend						
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There were no valid claims for the Portfolio Platinum prize yesterday. The £2,000 will be added to Monday's competition.

BRITISH FUNDS

1990/91 High Low Stock — Price — Ch'ge — Int only yld% — Gross Red yld%

SHORTS (Under Five Years)

99⅝	96⅞	Treas	8%	1991	98⅝	●	..	8.1	10.855
99⅞	97⅝	Treas C	10%	1991	99⅝		..	10.0	11.494
100	99⅛	Exch	11¾%	1991	100		..	11.9	10.881
99⅛	98⅜	Treas	11¾%	1991	99⅝		..	..	..
99⅛	95⅝	Treas	9%	1992	99	●	..	9.1	8.285
95⅛	91¼	Treas	9¾%	1992	95	●	..	9.1	10.398
99⅝	96⅝	Treas	10%	1992	99⅝		..	10.0	10.420
99⅝	97⅞	Treas	10%	1992	99⅝		..	10.0	10.420
100	98⅛	Treas C	10¾%	1992	100		..	10.4	10.410
102⅛	100¼	Exch	12¾%	1992	102		..	11.9	10.388
101⅞	100⅞	Treas	12¾%	1992	101¾		..	12.5	10.461
104⅛	102⅛	Exch	13¾%	1992	103⅝		..	13.0	10.270
93⅝	89⅝	Fund	9%	1993	93¾		..	9.4	9.359
98⅛	94	Treas	8¾%	1993	98⅛		..	8.5	10.279
99⅞	97⅞	Treas	10%	1993	99⅞		..	10.0	10.232
104⅝	102⅝	Treas	12¾%	1993	104		..	12.0	10.304
108⅛	105⅝	Treas	13¾%	1993	107¾		..	12.8	10.278
98⅜	92⅝	Treas	8¾%	1994	95⅝		..	8.5	10.232
96⅞	93⅛	Treas	8%	1994	96⅛		..	8.3	10.288
99⅝	96⅛	Treas	10%	1994	99⅝	●	..	10.0	10.224
106⅝	103⅛	Exch	12¾%	1994	105⅝		..	11.8	10.331
108⅛	105⅛	Exch	13¾%	1994	107¾		..	12.5	10.300
111⅛	108⅜	Treas	14¾%	1994	108⅝		..	13.1	10.214
88⅛	72⅛	Gas	3%	1990-95	87⅝		..	..	..
100⅜	98⅝	Exch	10¾%	1995	99⅝		..	10.2	10.361
106⅛	102⅝	Treas	12%	1995	106		..	11.2	10.357
109⅛	105¾	Treas	12¾%	1995	108⅝		..	11.7	10.350

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

98⅝	95⅝	Treas	9%	1992-96	96⅜		..	9.3	10.019
100	95⅝	Conv	10%	1996	98⅛		..	10.1	10.201
112⅜	108	Exch	13¾%	1996	110⅝		..	12.0	10.510
113⅛	109⅝	Treas	14%	1996	112¾		..	12.4	10.597
119⅝	115⅛	Treas	15¼%	1996	117⅝		..	12.9	10.536
94⅛	89⅝	Treas	8¾%	1997	91⅝		..	9.6	10.343
102⅛	97⅞	Exch	10¾%	1997	100¼		..	10.4	10.417
113⅜	108⅝	Treas	13¾%	1997	111⅛		..	11.9	10.569
122⅝	117	Exch	15%	1997	119⅝		..	12.5	10.663
95⅞	89⅞	Treas	9¾%	1998-00	94⅝		..	10.0	10.362
99⅝	93⅛	Exch	9¾%	1998	96⅝		..	10.0	10.446
109⅝	104⅝	Exch	12%	1998	107¾		..	11.1	10.556
122⅝	121¼	Treas	15¾%	1998	124⅛	-⅛	..	12.4	10.637
97⅞	95⅝	Conv	9¾%	1999	96⅝		..	10.1	10.399
101⅛	95⅞	Conv	10¾%	1999	98⅝		..	10.3	10.454
102⅝	97¾	Treas	10¾%	1999	100⅛		..	10.4	10.458
111⅛	105	Exch	12¾%	1999	108⅝		..	11.2	10.574
94⅞	89⅝	Conv	9%	2000	92⅝		..	9.7	10.390
119⅛	110⅝	Treas	13%	2000	113⅝		..	11.4	10.589
100⅜	94⅛	Treas	10%	2001	97⅞		..	10.2	10.397
118⅝	113	Treas	14%	1866-01	115⅞		..	12.1	10.766
99⅜	92⅝	Treas	9¼%	2002	96⅝	-⅛	..	9.6	10.000
100⅛	94⅛	Treas	10%	2003	97⅜	-⅛	..	10.2	10.402
117⅛	114⅜	Treas	13¾%	2000-03	117⅝		..	..	..
98⅝	93⅜	Fund	3¾%	1999-04	97⅜		..	6.9	9.195
97	90⅝	Conv	9%	2000	92⅝	-⅛	..	9.7	10.350
106⅛	102	Treas	11¾%	2001-04	105⅛		..	10.9	10.589
97⅞	90⅞	Conv	9¾%	2005	93⅛	-⅛	..	10.1	10.329
118⅛	110⅝	Treas	12¾%	2000-05	113⅝	-⅛	..	10.9	10.474

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

85¾	79⅝	Treas	8%	2002-06	82⅛		..	9.7	10.306
90	84⅛	Treas	8¾%	2007	86⅜		..	9.7	10.182
112⅜	105⅞	Treas	11¾%	2003-07	108⅝		..	10.8	10.446
94⅛	88⅜	Treas	9%	2008	91		..	9.89	10.026
125⅞	119⅝	Treas	13¼%	2004-08	121¾		..	11.1	10.434
85⅝	80	Treas	8%	2009	82½		..	9.7	10.114
94⅛	88⅜	Conv	9%	2011	90⅜		..	9.9	10.067
93⅛	86⅝	Treas	9%	2006-12	89⅝		..	9.99	10.014
82¾	76⅝	Treas	7½%	2012-15	79		..	9.8	10.100
121⅛	113⅝	Exch	12%	2013-17	116⅝	●	..	..	10.117

UNDATED

35⅝	29⅝	Consols	2½%		34¾		..	..	—
59½	57⅛	Conv	4%		58⅜		..	..	—
40⅝	37⅝	Consols	4%		39¾		..	..	—
35⅝	33⅜	Treas	3½%		34		..	..	—
39⅝	36⅛	Treas	3%		38⅝		..	..	—
35⅝	33⅝	War Ln	3½%		34½	●	..	..	—

INDEX-LINKED

126⅛	125⅞	Treas IL	2%	1992	126⅜				
116⅛	115⅞	Treas IL	2½%	1994	117⅛			-⅛	
172⅛	169⅝	Treas IL	2½%	1998	172⅜			-⅛	
142⅝	137⅝	Treas IL	2½%	2001	142⅝			-⅛	
136⅝	135⅝	Treas IL	2½%	2003	135⅞			-⅛	
140⅛	138	Treas IL	2½%	2006	139⅝			-⅛	
129⅝	124⅞	Treas IL	2½%	2009	129			-⅛	
134⅛	128⅝	Treas IL	2½%	2011	132⅝			-⅛	
109⅛	105⅝	Treas IL	2½%	2013	108⅝			-⅛	
117⅛	113⅝	Treas IL	2½%	2016	116⅝			-⅛	
113⅝	109⅝	Treas IL	2½%	2020	112⅝			-⅛	
95⅛	91⅛	Treas IL	2½%	2024	94			-⅛	

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

288	211	Abbey National	281	284	-3	12.7	4.5	9.8
183	125	Allied Irish	178	179	-1	..	..	..
180	134	Anglo Irish	178	179	-1	2.8	6.7	..
195	121	Ans New Z	182	183	-1	..	..	..
238	182	Barkemerica	238	238	+3	..	..	..
238	189	Bk of Ireland	238	238	+3	..	..	..
369	289	Bank Lumni Lyal	369	369	+1	..	..	..
369	289	Bank Lumni Ltd	369	369	+1	21.3	6.1	5.0
1219	1000	Bank Of Scotland	1068	1068	+4	54.1	5.1	13.9
12	8	Bank Of Wales	10	10	..	1.7	8.3	..
462	322	Barclays	445	445	+2	28.2	6.4	23.5
5	3	Benchmark	4	5	..	..	..	..
286	195	Brown Shipley	238	238	..	10.7	4.5	8.8
17	17	Cattels	16	20	..	..	..	..
484	364	Cater Allen	484	484	..	33.5	7.0	11.3
78	62	Cattles	71	73	..	5.1	7.1	10.3
2	2	Clarkeys	2	2	..	..	..	..
117	94	Close Manhattan	109	117	..	..	..	..
2	2	Cohens	2	2	..	..	..	..
238	238	Close Bros	242	242	..	10.9	4.5	12.5
294	234	Commercial Bk	294	294	+2	..	..	..
238	238	Deutsche Bank	238	238	..	..	..	..
213	162	Ex Fin	173	178	-5	17.3	9.5	9.6
2	2	Gerrard Nat	2	2	..	..	..	..
347	301	Gerrards Mahon	347	347	-5	27.3	8.0	15.4
174	174	Hambros	174	174	..	..	..	..
225	225	Hambros	225	225	..	15.8	7.1	8.7
113	113	Joseph Campbell	113	113	..	21.1	18.6	12.6
121	121	King & Shaxson	121	121	..	22.7	18.8	11.8
237	237	Kleinwort Benson	237	237	+1	21.3	9.0	..
149	149	Lloyds	149	149	..	20.4	..	14.9
47	47	Lon Scot Bk	47	47	..	3.7	8.7	10.2
218	150	Midland	218	218	-2	12.8	5.6	..
397	297	Nat Aust Bk	394	396	+2	..	..	..

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Account finishes firmly

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began May 20. Dealings ended yesterday. §Contango day June 3. Settlement day June 10. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BREWERIES

1991 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
584	463	Allied-Lyons	543	547	+4	25.7	4.8	14.5
196	154	Bass	188	191	+11	44.4	5.8	10.5
175	135	Burtington	154	156	..	8.5	5.5	11.6
245	195	Bulmer (H P)	215	223	..	16.5	7.4	10.1
245	195	Burnmoored Brew	215	223	..	16.5	7.4	10.1
245	195	Dewhirst (JA)	215	223	..	7.1	3.2	18.1
1	1	Fosters Brewing Gp	1	1	..	..	..	..
1	1	Grand Met	1	1	..	..	..	..
1	1	Greene King	1	1	..	..	..	..
1	1	Greenall Whit	1	1	..	..	..	..
1	1	Guinness	1	1	..	..	..	..
1	1	Hardys & Hansons	1	1	..	..	..	..
1	1	Highland Dest	1	1	..	..	..	..
1	1	Invergordon Dist	1	1	..	..	..	..
1	1	Mansfield	1	1	..	..	..	..
1	1	Marston Thompson	1	1	..	..	..	..
1	1	Matthew Clark	1	1	..	..	..	..
1	1	Morland	1	1	..	..	..	..
1	1	SA Breweries	1	1	..	..	..	..
1	1	Scot & New	1	1	..	..	..	..
1	1	Vaux Group	1	1	..	..	..	..
1	1	Whitbread 'A'	1	1	..	..	..	..
1	1	Do 'B'	1	1	..	..	..	..
1	1	Wolverhampton & D	1	1	..	..	..	..
470	380	Young 'A'	460	470	+7	17.3	3.8	14.1

BUILDING, ROADS

1991 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
77	40	Abbey	59	60	..	..	..	..
280	178	Amec	218	220	+1	13.5	6.1	10.6
74	17	Anglia Sec	46	48	..	..	..	..
98	73	Ansells	95	98	..	9.01	..	..
268	181	Atlanoods	210	215	+2	16.01	7.4	10.5
211	147	BPB Ind	205	207	+1	15.5	7.5	9.6
135	98	Bardon Hill	111	114	+1	12.9	11.6	11.5
156	96	Barrett Dev	111	114	+1	12.9	11.6	10.6
277½	180	Bellway	225	229	+2	14.7	6.4	12.9
19	9½	Bellways	11	11	..	..	..	..
351	212	Berkeley Gp	345	348	+3	8.6	2.5	17.5
150	97	Bett Bros	136	139	..	8.6	6.2	11.3
150	80	Blackburn	132	136	..	8.6	6.3	10.5
188	138	Blue Circle	186	188	-2	13.0	6.9	10.5
138	88	Boot (Henry)	135	138	..	8.6	6.2	10.7
111	69	Bovis PLC	108	111	..	8.1	7.3	10.7
138	88	Br Dredging	129	131	..	8.6	6.6	10.7
288	197	Bryant	278	284	-1	14.4	5.1	12.5
67	45	CALA	64	67	..	4.5	6.7	12.5
288	197	CRH	277	282	+1	..	..	..
58	38	Calednad Rosey	45	46	..	4.01	8.7	4.4
67	45	Cander Grp	64	67	..	4.5	6.7	12.5
248	146	Cluttons	175	180	..	9.5	5.3	..
138	78	Countryside	116	118	..	8.5	6.2	..
138	88	Dest Nicholson	135	138	..	8.6	6.2	33.2
288	206	Dissons	288	288	..	14.6	5.1	..
415	288	Douglas (WM)	415	415	..	14.6	3.5	..
479	328	Edmund Hdgs	469	479	..	23.5	4.9	8.6
77	48	Ellis	77	77	..	7.5	9.7	17.9
117	75	Evered Bardon	114	117	..	7.5	6.5	9.7
2	2	Foster Gp	2	2	..	..	..	..
194	71	Galliford	188	194	..	5.7	3.0	11.1
80	80	Globe & Dandy Ord	80	80	..	..	..	..
583	583	Grayson (MJ)	588	588	..	14.6	1.8	10.6
118	73	Graham Wood	78	80	..	6.7	14.2	2.2
118	73	Harrison Ind	78	80	..	6.7	14.2	2.2
100	84	Hawdon-Smart	84	84	..	4.7	8.4	..
308	229	Heywood Williams	297	297	+2	18.7	6.3	10.7
369	293	Higgs & Hill	292	292	+2	26.7	10.5	26.1
21	16	How Gp	32	34	..	4.8	14.6	6.6
124	57	Howard Hdgs	86	88	..	3.7	4.2	8.5
124	57	Bratch Johnson	86	88	..	3.7	4.2	16.9
347	254	Jarvis	288	288	-2	27.5	9.5	9.4
91	23	Lang (J)	282	285	-1	17.3	6.0	31.2
91	23	Lawrence (Walter)	37	40	..	3.3	7.3	9.4
155	113	Lilley	155	155	+4	11.5	9.2	7.7
155	113	Lovell (Y.J)	155	155	..	11.5	9.1	10.6
155	113	Mandors	155	155	..	11.5	9.1	10.6
155	113	Marley	114	117	+4	8.7	7.2	8.4
155	113	Marshalls	114	117	..	8.7	7.2	8.4
155	113	Meanders (J)	114	117	..	8.7	7.2	8.4
313	213	Nicholas (Alfred)	297	303	+2	13.7	5.7	22.3
78	78	McCarthy & S	78	78	..	..	..	..
384	284	Meyer Int	412	415	+3	25.5	6.3	10.9
334	334	Morrison (John)	334	334	..	20.5	6.2	11.6
44	44	NSM	42	44	..	4.2	21.4	8.8
112	112	Norman Tonks	112	112	..	11.5	10.3	7.8
197	197	Persimmon	197	197	..	11.5	5.8	10.6
55	33	Phoenix Timber	54	55	..	1.7	3.1	13.6
10	9	Pochins	9	10	..	0.6	6.4	6.6
169	169	Pringing	163	169	..	10.4	6.1	9.6
155	155	RMC Gp	155	155	..	9.7	6.1	11.2
133	133	Rake Ind	115	116	+1	7.7	6.6	8.4
588	588	Redland	588	588	+1	33.5	5.6	10.3
95	95	Rugby Group	95	95	..	6.6	6.9	8.4
161	161	Shuttle & Fisher	161	161	..	7.2	4.4	10.2
161	161	Shufield Ind	161	161	..	7.2	4.4	10.2
198	161	Smart (J)	194	198	..	9.8	5.1	8.1
424	369	Stanley	424	424	+1	18.7	4.4	10.1
262	218	Tarmac	233	235	+1	15.6	6.7	13.5
166	166	Tay Homes	146	148	..	8.4	5.7	9.6
166	166	Taylor Woodrow	166	166	..	8.4	5.1	9.6
275	208	Tilbury Grp	213	215	..	8.7	4.1	15.6
251	185	Travis Perkins	213	222	..	8.7	3.9	15.6
1	1	Try Group	1	1	..	..	..	..
152	44	Turriff	44	44	..	2.2	5.0	8.8
152	44	Wimpey	90	100	..	8.5	8.5	10.2
129	129	Whatman	129	129	..	8.5	6.6	10.1
6	6	Wiggins	27	30	..	..	..	..
439	339	William Bowden	391	396	..	11.1	2.8	13.7
211	162	Wilson (Connolly)	179	183	..	8.0	4.4	18.0
232	164	Wimpey S	205	207	+5	14.9	7.2	14.1
78	43	Yuill	65	78	+5	6.7	8.6	5.0

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1991 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
178	120	Allied Colloids	137	140	-4	4.3	3.1	13.5
392	301	Amersham	368	372	+5	15.7	4.8	17.5
49	29	Anglo Util	46	48	..	1.9	4.8	9.5
208	148	BTR	197	201	+2	11.2	5.7	14.6
98	72	Bayer DM50	96	98	..	..	..	..
201	129	Blagden	190	195	..	12.7	6.6	10.7
167	121	Brent Chems	140	144	-5	9.9	7.0	11.2
52	42	Card Gp	48	50	..	3.2	6.5	42.1
154	94	Carring (W)	147	150	..	9.2	6.1	11.5
208	146	Croda	198	198	+5	14.7	9.2	9.5
208	165	Ellis & Everard	198	198	..	9.4	4.8	16.9
11	149	European Colour	151	178	..	8.9	5.3	14.6
124	87	Fenda	103	107	..	6.5	6.1	11.1
224	224	Halstead (James)	198	198	..	14.3	7.2	8.7
275	275	Hickson	258	258	..	19.7	7.6	9.1
378	378	Hoskins DM50	378	378	..	..	..	..
378	378	Hunting Ind	378	378	..	23.5	6.2	15.7
463	455	Laporte	455	459	..	22.7	4.4	11.8
351	277	Leigh	337	340	+5	9.7	2.9	21.7
179	139	Mayo Hydro	179	179	..	..	..	..
358	358	Morrison Const	348	358	..	12.7	3.6	11.1
358	358	Do 'A'	348	358	..	12.7	3.6	11.0
163	111	Pilkns	158	163	..	8.0	5.7	14.3
163	111	Rotaprint	158	163	..	8.0	5.7	14.3
196	12	Sheaffe Speakman	179	182	..	2.71	20.1	2.2
174	126	Tarmac	145	145	..	14	10	19.8
351	304	Wards Stonays plc	352	352	-4	28.8	8.1	11.3
260	215	Wolstenholme Rnk	252	252	..	28.8	8.1	8.7
494	327	Yorkshire Chem	439	494	..	18.0	3.6	12.2
167	89	Yula Cemo	153	157	..	8.3	4.1	18.5

DRAPERY, STORES

1991 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
565	443	Alexon	558	565	..	18.3	3.5	15.4
317	236	Arthur Day	307	310	+7	7.9	2.5	29.1
317	236	Arcadia Plc	307	310	+7	8.0	2.6	28.1
265	195	Ashley (Laura)	258	265	..	12.7	4.8	15.6
265	195	Austin Reed	258	265	..	12.7	4.8	15.6
265	195	Baggage (James) 'A'	134	137	..	7.3	5.3	10.6
265	195	Barratts	258	265	..	12.7	4.8	15.6
51	46	Blacks Leis	50	51	..	5.1	10.0	9.8
307	178	Body Shop	276	274	+7	1.5	0.5	34.8
1	1	Brosmap	1	1	..	..	..	..
391	291	Brown & Jackson	291	291	..	12.5	4.3	4.7
246	183	Brown (M)	238	238	..	7.5	3.2	15.1
109½	74	Burton	74	75	-1½	3.3	4.4	8.8
155	113	Carpet 'A'	152	155	..	5.3	3.4	8.8
155	113	Carpet Plc	14	15	..	..	..	..
265	265	Chorion	260	265	..	16.7	6.3	14.5
154	145	Coats Viyella	147	148	..	8.3	5.6	11.5
154	154	Combe Forstners	265	265	..	6.7	2.5	24.6
18	18	Dewhurst (J)	279	279	..	6.3	2.3	12.3
235	235	Dixons Grp	234	234	+2	7.5	3.2	22.2
165	165	Dornell	165	165	+2	7.5	4.5	16.5
11	11	EMI Gp	11	11	..	..	..	..
170	170	Ests (Wimbledon)	170	170	..	21.3	12.5	12.3
1	1	Empire Stores	1	1	..	..	..	..
1	1	Ewin	1	1	..	..	..	..
1	1	Fine Art Dev	1	1	..	..	..	..
1	1	Fired Earth Tiles	1	1	..	..	..	..
1	1	Forsyth	1	1	..	..	..	..
1	1	Gers Sft	1	1	..	..	..	..
1	1	Goldsmiths Group	1	1	..	..	..	..
1	1	Gus 'A'	1	1	..	..	..	..
1	1	Do 'A'	1	1	..	..	..	..
1	1	Harbottles	1	1	..	..	..	..
1	1	Hillsdns Plc	1	1	..	..	..	..
1	1	Hogg Robinson plc	1	1	..	..	..	..
1	1	Hollis	1	1	..	..	..	..
1	1	House Of Larose	1	1	..	..	..	..
1	1	Jacques Vert	1	1	..	..	..	..
1	1	Kingfisher	1	1	..	..	..	..
1	1	Laura Wse Gp	1	1	..	..	..	..
1	1	Liberty	1	1	..	..	..	..
1	1	Marks Spencer	1	1	..	..	..	..
1	1	Matalan (John)	1	1	..	..	..	..
1	1	Moss Bros	1	1	..	..	..	..
1	1	Next	1	1	..	..	..	..
1	1	Oliver (R)	1	1	..	..	..	..
1	1	Do 'A'	1	1	..	..	..	..
1	1	Pentos	1	1

THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL
Tel: 0345 717373 (Lastdeal)
Managers' Acc | 89.64 | 95.37e | +0.60 | 2.23
Inst | 92.66 | 98.58 | +0.65 | 1.48
Div/Inc | 50.35 | 53.58 | .. | 5.60
Global Gth Sec | 51.70 | 54.99 | +0.13 | 1.82
Ethical | 56.02 | 59.48c | -0.03 | 3.05
High Inc Equity | 139.2 | 148.0e | +0.1 | 5.74
W'wide Bond | 203.7 | 215.9e | +1.0 | 8.06
Oil/Fixed | 112.7 | 119.8e | .. | 8.62

ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
10, Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ
Tel: 0224 633070 dealing (Freephone) 0800 289290
20, Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7DG
Tel: 071-374 6901
Am Inc/Gth | 39.74 | 81.68e | .. | 2.63
Euro | 73.39 | 77.94 | +0.18 | 0.60
Euro Inc | 78.34 | 80.54e | +0.20 | 1.69
Exempt | 748.9 | 773.1e | -0.4 | 5.32
Extra Inc | 39.48 | 42.62e | +0.05 | 5.87
F/E Emerg Ec | 63.16 | 67.13 | +0.50 | 1.12

ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL
Tel: 0793 514514 dealing: 0733 510388
High Inc | 353.2 | 378.0 | +0.3 | 5.21
Equity Inc | 183.3 | 205.5 | +0.2 | 5.80
High Yield | 203.5 | 216.8e | +0.4 | 5.34
Balanced | 536.5 | 570.6e | +0.7 | 3.93
Am Inc | 34.21 | 36.43 | +0.35 | 4.12
World Ass Val | 32.80 | 34.71 | +0.48 | 1.91
Japan | 138.4 | 148.4 | +2.6 | 0.01
Sec of Am | 307.2 | 327.1e | +4.6 | 0.01

BARCLAYS UNICORN
Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7 Tel: 081-534 5544
Cap'l | 88.01 | 94.47 | -0.12 | 3.82
Euro Gth Inc | 95.83 | 102.0 | +0.30 | 1.57
Extra Inc | 95.0 | 101.6e | .. | 9.28
General | 118.3 | 126.1 | .. | 2.66
Gt/Fxd Income | 90.55 | 96.19e | -0.06 | 10.19
Inc Trust | 435.5 | 465.8 | -0.8 | 5.99

BARING FUND MANAGERS
PO Box 188, Bedwardsm, Kent BR3 4XQ
Tel: 081-658 3000
Amer Gth | 95.47 | 99.30 | +0.78 | 0.56
Am Sm Cos | 75.05 | 77.58e | +1.18 | 0.26
Australia | 55.16 | 59.23e | +0.21 | 1.80
Convertible | 45.80 | 48.77 | -0.07 | 6.66
Eastern | 130.8 | 141.9 | .. | 1.20
Equity Inc | 75.90 | 80.74e | +0.08 | 6.45
Euro Gth | 179.6 | 190.3e | +0.5 | 2.70
Euro Smlr Cos | 158.4 | 168.2c | +0.6 | 1.26
Exempt | 68.86 | 70.67 | .. | 4.29
Far East | 135.8 | 144.8 | +1.8 | 1.20
Gilt/Fixed Int | 75.90 | 80.74e | +0.08 | 9.45
Global Gth | 81.23 | 86.89 | +0.79 | 0.16
Jap Gth | 166.6 | 178.4 | +3.4 | 0.00
Jap Bursrse | 148.4 | 158.4 | +3.2 | 0.00
Portfolio | 72.39 | 77.04 | +0.19 | 2.74
Do Acc | 169.1 | 186.8 | +1.0 | 3.70
UK Growth | 85.70 | 88.25 | -0.04 | 3.99
UK Smlr Cos | 71.32 | 75.97e | -0.32 | 2.40
Select Man | 62.98 | 66.38 | +0.21 | 2.40

BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MANAGEMENT LTD
180, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA Tel: 041-332 3132
Balan Gth Acc | 76.86 | 84.44 | +0.63 | 8.18
Do Inc | 74.58 | 79.74 | +0.64 | 3.15
Equity Bond | 72.21 | 77.26e | +0.19 | 2.47
High Yield Acc | 40.91 | 43.76 | +0.05 | 4.48
Do Inc | 39.85 | 34.62 | +0.64 | 4.48
Inc Gth Acc | 82.29 | 88.82e | -0.21 | 4.36
Do Inc | 45.87 | 48.84e | -0.16 | 4.36
Service Co Acc | 88.56 | 70.12e | -0.11 | 1.95
Do Inc | 82.56 | 86.91e | -0.10 | 1.95
Am Gth Acc | 31.76 | 33.98 | +0.47 | 1.51
Do Inc | 31.32 | 33.51e | +0.47 | 1.51
Euro Gth Acc | 27.12 | 29.01 | +0.26 | 1.55
Do Inc | 26.82 | 28.47 | +0.26 | 1.55
Managed Port | 24.91 | 26.64 | +0.13 | 0.00

BROWN SHIPLEY
8-17, Pepperharrow Rd, Hagwoods Heath Tel: 0444 458144
Financial | 111.2 | 118.4 | -0.2 | 3.89
Smlr Cos Acc | 188.0 | 198.1e | .. | 0.00
Do Inc | 112.8 | 119.3e | .. | 1.58
High Inc | 67.47 | 71.86 | +0.25 | 6.09
Income | 98.7 | 104.5e | .. | 5.10
Man Mgmt Inc | 61.26 | 107.8 | -0.73 | 2.41
Am Acc | 98.47 | 104.8 | -1.4 | 0.20
Non Amer | 73.46 | 78.24 | +0.93 | 0.26
Orient | 108.9 | 117.2e | +2.0 | 0.35
Europ | 139.1 | 297.2e | +4.35 | 0.00
Recov | 32.27 | 34.65e | -0.04 | 2.83
German | 37.76 | 40.47 | +0.19 | 0.10
Intl Recov | 27.86 | 29.67 | +0.21 | 0.26
Pension | 20.39 | 22.54 | +0.10 | 2.63
Contr Genl | 18.96 | 20.25c | -0.06 | 9.40

BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT
Beaufort House, 15, St Botolph St, London EC3A 7JJ Tel: 071-247 4942 Dealing: 01-247 7474
Fellowship Inc | 54.17 | 57.63 | +0.24 | 2.42
Do Acc | 56.42 | 60.15 | +0.27 | 2.42
Inc Fund 3 | 165.1 | 175.5e | .. | 5.55
Do Acc 3 | 350.4 | 372.5e | .. | 5.55
Inv Port Inc | 52.28 | 54.11 | +0.03 | 3.29
Do Acc | 58.45 | 60.49 | +0.03 | 3.29
Smlr Inc 5 | 91.71 | 97.21 | -0.15 | 3.18
Do Acc | 104.4 | 110.7 | -0.3 | 3.18
Hi Inc Prf Inc | 48.82 | 50.99e | +0.09 | 6.03

BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
117 Fenchurch Street London EC3M 5AL
Tel: 071-488 7218
Shr Gt Fxd Int | 80.86 | 81.77 | +0.01 | 7.03

CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD
PO Box 105 Manchester M60 0AH Tel: 061-837 3000
Environ | 101.8 | 108.4c | -0.3 | 2.53
UK Growth | 112.7 | 119.9 | .. | 2.86
UK Income | 106.8 | 112.4e | .. | 5.84

CANNON FUND MANAGERS
1, Olympic Way, Wembley Middx HA9 0NB
Tel: 081-902 8870
SE Asia | 51.73 | 55.33 | +0.85 | 2.06
Growth | 39.12 | 41.84e | +0.08 | 3.56
Income | 48.42 | 51.79e | +0.01 | 6.14
Far East | 39.15 | 41.87e | +0.85 | 0.61
Nth Amer | 49.56 | 53.00e | +0.66 | 0.53
Global | 35.72 | 38.20e | +0.41 | 1.48
Eurotrust | 82.04 | 88.35 | +0.32 | 1.79
Japan | 98.45 | 105.3 | +1.84 | 0.01
Strategic Opp | 48.78 | 50.03e | +0.06 | 2.13
Int Currency | 48.58 | 48.49e | +0.26 | 0.12

CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
35 Fountain Street, Manchester M22AP
Tel: Enquiries: 061-236 5685 Dealings:061-236 5353
Capability Trusts
Am & Gen | 91.02 | 96.84 | +1.25 | 0.43
Do Acc | 98.72 | 102.9 | +1.33 | 0.43
European | 59.83 | 63.36 | +0.27 | 1.40
Do Acc | 61.00 | 64.61 | +0.27 | 1.40

	Bid	Offer	ch'ng	Yld
F East/Gen	90.83	94.19e	+0.69	0.00
Do Acc	93.26	94.19e	+0.69	0.00
Glenthurs	231.3	246.1	+2.5	2.20
Do Acc	250.6	266.7	+3.6	2.20
Growth	338.2	361.3	-0.6	3.21
Do Acc	469.8	490.3	-0.8	3.21
Inc &Gth Inc	333.1	349.4	+0.2	5.22
Do Acc	392.3	417.4	+0.1	5.22
Master Portf	282.66	87.25e	+0.34	3.06
Do Acc	291.41	96.25e	+0.38	3.06
Spec Sits	83.98	87.65	+0.16	3.27
Do Acc	70.77	76.25	+0.21	3.27
Exempt Fund				
High Yld Exmt	210.05	10.37e	..	5.77
Do Acc	210.85	11.19e	+0.01	5.77

CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT
3, Herbour Exchange Square, London, E14 9GA. Tel: Takeover: 071-895 8999
Dealings : 071-895 8999
Amer Index | 146.2 | 156.0 | +0.7 | 1.88
Capl | 458.6 | 489.5e | +2.4 | 4.05
Euro Index | 111.7 | 119.2 | +1.1 | 1.78
Euro Growth | 72.52 | 77.38 | +0.48 | 1.78
Far East S S | 66.29 | 73.01 | +1.26 | 1.39
Gold Gen S S | 81.74 | 85.89 | +2.70 | 4.71
Income | 434.8 | 464.1e | +1.2 | 9.29
Intl Gth | 62.76 | 66.97 | +1.01 | 2.12
Jap Index | 65.57 | 70.40 | +1.53 | 0.20
N Amer | 297.5 | 317.8e | +0.7 | 1.70
Tiger Index | 92.65 | 98.97 | +1.15 | 1.13
UK Index | 108.2 | 113.3 | +0.9 | 4.14

CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
16 Tokenhouse Yard, London EC2R 7AN
Tel: 071-606 0765
Amer Portf | 57.29 | 61.18c | +0.43 | 1.83
Euro Port | 69.59 | 67.47 | +0.47 | 0.66
Jap Portf | 45.63 | 48.56 | +0.48 | 0.00
Pacific Portf | 59.39 | 63.07c | +0.61 | 3.38
Portf | 59.55 | 63.69 | +0.39 | 2.66
UK Inc/Gth | 56.03 | 60.25 | +0.01 | 4.77

CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 071-588 1815
Inv | 538.5 | 545.5c | .. | 5.21
Fixed Int | 136.8 | 137.4c | .. | 10.55
Deposit | 100.0 | | .. | 11.95

CHINA UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
PO Box 128 Sevenoaks Kent BR3 4PH Tel: 081-663 9090
Euro Gth | 81.21 | 86.04 | +0.30 | 1.54
1992 Euro Spc | 61.43 | 65.08 | +0.16 | 1.52
Intl Inc | 66.84 | 70.84e | +0.15 | 3.63
N Am Gth | 30.15 | 33.64 | -0.03 | 1.45
Pacific Gth | 77.34 | 82.71 | +1.38 | 1.91
UK Gth Acc | 81.05 | 86.65 | -0.08 | 2.57
Do Dist | 72.08 | 77.08 | -0.08 | 3.06
UK Income | 81.59 | 85.08 | +0.02 | 6.66

CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
1 White Hart Yard London Bridge SE1 Tel: 071-407 5999
Assets | 49.54 | 52.15e | .. | 3.56
Back Inc Cp Ac | 61.43 | 62.96 | .. | 5.56
Prfer Hse Inc | 165.9 | 175.8e | .. | 5.40
Prfer Hse Cap | 199.3 | 211.2 | .. | 2.57

COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS
St Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ Tel: 071-283 7500 Dealing 081-686 9818
Am Gth | 75.30 | 80.11e | +1.38 | 2.03
Euro Gth | 81.08 | 86.35 | +0.37 | 1.51
Far East | 74.24 | 78.99e | +0.50 | 0.74
Inc | 84.48 | 88.60c | -0.06 | 5.22
Jap Gwth | 76.85 | 81.76 | +0.17 | 0.00
Managed | 38.44 | 38.77 | +0.01 | 0.00
Monthly Inc | 42.35 | 45.06e | -0.13 | 10.04
Private Inv Pt | 61.67 | 64.97e | +0.20 | 5.36
Prop | 58.99 | 62.78 | +0.27 | 5.39
Smlr Cos Ins | 28.47 | 30.29 | -0.04 | 3.46
Do Acc | 30.54 | 32.49 | -0.05 | 3.46
UK/Gen Inc | 81.38 | 85.56e | -0.15 | 4.22
Wrldwide | 48.57 | 51.67 | +0.60 | 5.54
W'wide Sp Sits | 46.24 | 49.45 | +0.51 | 1.34
Do accum | 47.71 | 51.03 | +0.52 | 1.24
Gultar Gen Inc | 98.12 | 103.7 | -0.17 | 4.19
Gultar Inc Acc | 97.05 | 103.2 | +0.22 | 5.82
Gultar Int Acc | 106.5 | 113.0e | +1.2 | 1.82

COMMERCIAL UNION PRESTIGE FUND MANAGEMENT
(Formerly Royal Trust Fund Management)
Finance/Prop | 86.14 | 91.64 | -0.31 | 3.52
Fixed/Conv | 33.21 | 35.53e | +0.02 | 9.24
Do Acc | 78.44 | 81.32e | +0.05 | 9.24
Equity Acc | 128.0 | 137.3 | -0.02 | 3.71
Do Acc | 371.5 | 398.2 | -0.05 | 3.71
High Yield Inc | 106.6 | 113.4e | +0.49 | 6.82
Do Acc | 356.6 | 381.4e | +1.63 | 6.82
Int'l Inc | 57.22 | 60.77e | +0.27 | 1.98
Do Acc | 94.24 | 100.2e | +1.39 | 1.98
Preference Inc | 38.09 | 40.52e | +0.04 | 10.73
Do Acc | 169.6 | 180.3e | +0.17 | 10.73
PPT Canada | 47.31 | 50.31 | +0.70 | 0.00
PPT Dominion | 46.27 | 49.33 | +0.54 | 0.76
PPT Europe | 129.0 | 137.3 | +0.54 | 0.76
PPT Global | 69.05 | 62.62 | +0.56 | 3.76
PPT Gold | 80.40 | 85.24 | +1.20 | 0.00
PPT Thai | 44.86 | 47.51 | +0.73 | 0.00
PPT HK | 48.30 | 48.96 | +1.35 | 1.51
PPT Jap | 109.9 | 115.9 | +1.71 | 0.57
PPT Sing/M | 74.32 | 79.76 | +1.97 | 0.00
PPT UK | 95.56 | 101.8 | -0.91 | 1.74
PPT US | 101.3 | 107.8 | +2.75 | 0.61
PPT Cash | 81.36 | | +0.02 | 13.36
W'wide Alpha | 63.96 | 67.72 | +0.52 | 0.00
Do Accum | 66.49 | 69.67 | +0.54 | 0.00

CPM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh Tel: 0345 090529
Amer | 89.80 | 91.27 | +1.48 | 1.15
Capital | 115.0 | 120.3e | -0.2 | 1.43
Convertible | 22.20 | 23.59c | -0.13 | 5.27
Eurofund | 32.69 | 34.53 | +0.22 | 1.18
Exempt Mngd | 139.5 | 144.8 | .. | 3.97
Extra Inc | 92.58 | 73.24 | -0.16 | 7.77
Growth/Inc | 197.1 | 208.4 | -0.4 | 5.13
High Dist | 138.7 | 148.4e | -0.1 | 7.01
High Inc | 99.05 | 105.7e | -0.19 | 7.36
Inc/Growth | 121.3 | 129.3e | -0.2 | 6.30
Intl | 264.4 | 280.9 | +1.8 | 1.57
Ind Inc | 62.24 | 66.38 | +0.44 | 6.22
Pacific | 36.19 | 46.55 | +0.73 | 0.96
Spclr Jap Cos | 62.51 | 73.24 | +1.48 | 0.00
Tokyo | 177.7 | 188.5 | +2.1 | 0.00
Ex Am 2 | 152.4 | 156.6 | .. | 1.60
Ex Jap 3 | 118.4 | 121.7e | .. | 0.08
Ex Smlr Jap 4 | 575.9 | 591.7 | +5.1 | 0.08

EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ Tel: 0242 527251
Oriental Op Acc | 65.86 | 69.87 | +0.86 | 1.27
Japanese | 84.91 | 88.41 | +0.76 | 0.00
UK Balan Inc | 93.28 | 99.23c | +0.08 | 3.51
Do Acc | 103.7 | 110.3e | +0.1 | 3.51
UK Gth Accum | 150.2 | 161.6e | +0.1 | 2.21
UK Hi Inc | 110.0 | 117.0e | .. | 5.55
UK Hi Inc Acc | 118.1 | 125.6e | -0.1 | 5.55
N Amer Acc | 77.79 | 82.72 | +0.98 | 1.11
Euro Acc | 109.0 | 112.8 | +0.4 | 0.25
UK Pref/Fl Inc | 54.91 | 58.15c | -0.02 | 6.00
Do Acc | 76.97 | 80.59e | +0.02 | 6.20
Intl Sp S Acc | 40.64 | 43.13 | +0.09 | 0.66
Emerald Opp | 92.87 | 95.24e | +0.21 | 1.43

ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD
41, Hertington Gardens London SW7 4JU
Tel: 071 373 7201
Endurance | 146.5 | 154.7 | +0.6 | 1.84

EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Walton Street Aylesbury, HP21 7QW Tel: 0296 431 680
Equitable Pension | 102.4 | 107.8 | +0.17 | 5.01
High Inc | 105.1 | 111.7e | +0.22 | 6.54
Gt/Fxd Interest | 48.65 | 51.53 | +0.02 | 9.12
T Of Inv Tr | 110.6 | 116.4 | -0.03 | 2.19
Spec Sits | 95.63 | 100.6 | -0.11 | 4.49
N Am | 73.58 | 77.46 | +0.98 | 1.16
Far East | 177.8 | 187.0 | +2.77 | 1.37
Intl Gth | 73.09 | 79.04 | +0.59 | 2.90
Euro | 67.95 | 61.00e | +0.59 | 2.39
Smlr Cos | 95.31 | 58.22e | -0.58 | 4.83

EQUITY & LAW
St. Georges Hse Corporation St, Coventry CV1 1GD Tel: 0203 838221
UK Gth Accum | 330.0 | 350.2e | +0.1 | 3.59
Do Inc | 190.2 | 202.4e | +0.1 | 5.56
Higher Inc Acc | 448.9 | 474.4e | .. | 5.30
Do Inc | 295.2 | 314.1e | .. | 5.30
Gilts/Fxd Acc | 122.8 | 140.4 | .. | 9.50
Do Inc | 79.72 | 85.92 | -0.04 | 9.50
N America | 161.4 | 171.9e | +2.5 | 0.00
Far East | 228.3 | 242.9e | +3.4 | 0.74
Europe | 209.2 | 222.5 | +3.4 | 0.10
Gensl | 347.7 | 369.9 | +2.5 | 3.61
Gensl Acc | 368.9 | 392.5 | +0.9 | 3.61
Sp Excellence | 82.47 | 86.89e | .. | 3.50
Pr Pfdnts Inc | 79.07 | 80.71 | .. | 6.50
Do Acc | 86.98 | 71.27 | +0.01 | 6.50
Global Ops | 89.45 | 58.99e | +0.30 | 0.23

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD
Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Road Hildenborough Kent TN11 9DZ Tel: 0800 414161 Admin:0732 411622
American | 167.7 | 168.7 | +2.1 | 0.00
Cash Unit | 129.02 | | +0.03 | 11.56
European | 99.05 | 105.7 | +0.11 | 0.66
Gilt/Fixe | 128.5 | 134.7 | .. | 9.50
Inc Plus | 107.1 | 114.9e | -0.3 | 6.64
UK Gth | 80.01 | 83.64 | +0.09 | 0.00

FOREIGN & COLONIAL
8th Floor, Exchange Hse Primrose Street London EC2A 2NY Tel: 071-628 8000
Euro Income | 62.66 | 66.62 | +0.35 | 3.18
Far East | 119.3 | 127.4 | +1.8 | 0.00
Gilt/Fxd Income | 88.80 | 94.46c | +0.78 | 9.85
UK Growth | 70.84 | 75.77 | +1.54 | 1.61
UK Inc Fund | 103.6 | 111.9e | -0.6 | 5.23
US Smlr Cos | 125.6 | 134.3 | -0.5 | 0.00

FRANKLINGTON UNIT MANAGERS
155, Bishopsgate London EC2M 3YT Tel: 071-374 4100
Am Smlr Cos | 263.5 | 286.0 | +3.5 | ..
Am Trnd Inc | 274.5 | 298.4 | +3.7 | ..
Do Acc | 284.7 | 309.5 | .. | ..
Capl Inc | 233.6 | 248.8 | -0.6 | 3.69
Capl Acc | 268.2 | 285.6 | -0.8 | 3.69
Cont Smlr Inc | 43.30 | 46.19c | +0.11 | 1.42
Do Acc | 43.30 | 46.19c | +0.11 | 1.42
Conv Inc | 102.7 | 109.2 | -0.2 | 7.85
Do Acc | 108.2 | 115.1 | -0.2 | 7.85
Euro Inc | 89.97 | 95.86e | +0.29 | 0.48
Do Acc | 92.46 | 98.54e | +0.29 | 0.48
Extra Inc Inc | 244.1 | 259.6 | +0.2 | 6.06
Do Acc | 311.1 | 331.0 | +0.2 | 6.06
Financial Acc | 63.01 | 67.02e | +0.48 | 0.75
Do Inc | 60.90 | 64.76e | +0.47 | 0.76
Inc Trust | 158.9 | 169.5e | .. | 3.73
Do Acc | 202.2 | 215.4e | -0.1 | 3.73
Intl Gth | 231.3 | 246.4e | +4.5 | ..
Do Acc | 294.8 | 279.8e | +4.7 | ..
Jap & Gen Inc | 186.3 | 167.4 | +2.7 | ..
Do Acc | 170.7 | 181.8 | +2.5 | ..
Mangd Port Inc | 78.60 | 80.52e | +0.35 | 2.02
Do Acc | 77.16 | 81.22e | +0.35 | 2.02
Monthly Inc | 121.1 | 129.0e | -0.1 | 6.98
Recov | 260.1 | 277.5 | +1.9 | 1.36
Do Acc | 230.2 | 250.2 | +2.1 | 1.36
Smlr Inc | 40.04 | 42.59 | -0.07 | 4.26
Do Acc | 43.59 | 46.15 | -0.08 | 4.26
Gilt Gen Inc | 87.35 | 93.07 | -0.16 | 9.12
Do Acc | 82.27 | 84.23 | -0.16 | 9.12
Gilt Inc Inc | 55.48 | 57.21e | -0.10 | 9.06
Do Acc | 63.01 | 64.99e | -0.12 | 9.06

FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS
Pixmore House, Pixmore Way, Letchworth, Herts SG6 1JG Tel: 0462 476000
Equity Dist | 276.8 | 294.3e | +0.17 | 4.00
Do Acc | 331.8 | 352.7e | +0.40 | 4.00
Euro Dist | 238.3 | 253.3e | +0.14 | 0.89
Do Acc | 94.13 | 100.1 | +0.24 | 0.89
Fixed Int Dist | 112.4 | 118.9e | -0.15 | 8.39
Do Acc | 171.8 | 181.5e | -0.22 | 8.39
Int Gth Dist | 58.54 | 62.27e | +0.04 | 2.84
Do Acc | 84.69 | 89.03e | +0.56 | 2.84
N Am Dist | 137.4 | 146.2 | +1.48 | 1.33
Do Acc | 146.8 | 154.8 | +1.57 | 1.33
Prop Shares Dist | 189.4 | 212.1 | +2.43 | 0.00
Do Acc | 201.3 | 214.0 | +2.43 | 0.00
Shrd Dist | 234.3 | 249.3e | -0.05 | 2.86
Do Acc | 287.3 | 304.3e | -0.06 | 2.86
Shrd Inc Dist | 51.94 | 55.26e | -0.05 | 5.36
Do Acc | 59.73 | 63.56e | -0.05 | 5.36
MAm Shrd Dist | 68.46 | 73.89 | +0.76 | 0.42
Do Acc | 72.86 | 77.53 | +0.83 | 0.42

GT UNIT MANAGERS
9th Floor, 8, Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ Tel: 071-283 2575 Dealing 071-626 1024
Am Sp Sits | 80.21 | 85.79 | +1.56 | 0.00
UK Cap Inc | 140.7 | 150.5 | .. | 4.27
Do Acc | 226.5 | 242.4 | -0.1 | 4.27
Do Spec Sits | 88.20 | 94.35c | +0.78 | 3.05
Inc Fund | 101.5 | 108.6 | +0.1 | 5.55
Intl | 152.9 | 165.5 | +1.2 | 1.29
US/Gensl | 82.66 | 88.80e | +1.01 | 0.68
Jap & Gensl | 374.3 | 397.5 | +7.2 | 0.00
Far East/Gen | 186.0 | 202.4 | +2.1 | 0.53
Euro | 323.5 | 344.4 | +0.3 | 1.12
Germany | 88.66 | 98.97 | +0.27 | 0.00
Intl Inc | 48.21 | 50.85e | +0.61 | 5.60
Wrld Spec Sit | 85.34 | 91.31 | +0.78 | 0.14
Global Prp Inc | 46.15 | 48.36e | +0.41 | 2.66
Do Acc | 47.55 | 50.86e | +0.42 | 2.66
Smlr Cos Div | 40.51 | 43.35 | -0.05 | 6.53

GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS
Gartmore House, 16-18 Monument St, London EC3R 8AJ Tel: 071-623 1212
Dealings: 0277 281421 Services: 0800 289336
UK Growth Trusts
British Gth | 33.45 | 35.78 | -0.15 | 2.01
Cash Trust | 112.66 | | +0.05 | 11.37
Press Inv Inc | 88.10 | 94.48 | -0.54 | 3.70
Do Acc | 176.6 | 189.4 | -1.11 | 3.70
UK Smlr Cos | 95.82 | 102.7 | -0.11 | 1.23
Income Trusts
Extra Inc | 80.73 | 84.95e | -0.10 | 6.57
Preference | 81.00 | 22.48e | +0.05 | 12.83
High Inc | 31.57 | 34.09e | +0.58 | 5.88
Income | 108.1 | 113.6 | +0.96 | 4.57
Intl Fxd Int | 28.09 | 24.27 | +0.16 | 7.79
International Trusts
Gold Int | 85.78 | 88.36e | +0.57 | 1.36
Eurocurrency | 19.60 | 20.61 | +0.19 | 0.72
Frontier Mkts | 33.56 | 35.09e | +0.29 | 0.91
Glbl Inc/Gth | 88.40 | 94.43e | +0.42 | 3.54
UK/Intl | 87.06 | 93.11 | +0.32 | 3.57
Overseas Trusts
N American | 89.06 | 95.75e | +1.53 | 1.22
European | 86.56 | 89.37 | +0.35 | 1.35
Euro Sel Opp | 85.08 | 90.19 | +0.45 | 0.39
Far Eastern | 45.13 | 48.40 | +1.02 | 0.00
Hong Kong | 48.84 | 52.48 | +1.11 | 0.00
Japan | 169.8 | 180.1 | +2.76 | 0.00
Pacific Gth | 90.81 | 97.07e | +1.16 | 1.37

GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT
Shannon Hse, 4, Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR Tel: 071-378 7979
Dealing:071-588 2828
Intl Gth | 102.5 | 109.3e | +0.57 | 0.51
Amer Growth | 76.53 | 83.27 | +1.17 | 0.43
Euro Growth | 88.18 | 93.52e | -0.08 | 0.45
Gbl Horizons | 45.47 | 48.43c | -0.05 | 0.78
Jap Growth | 89.74 | 74.58e | +1.14 | ..
Pacific Inc | 97.95 | 104.7 | +1.29 | 0.69
Global Strat | 85.89 | 91.55 | +0.59 | 0.25
Inc Plus | 71.14 | 76.08c | -0.12 | 7.16
Gt British | 44.48 | 47.67e | +0.06 | 2.58
UK Smlr Co | 57.99 | 40.64e | -0.08 | 3.67

GRE UNIT MANAGERS
St Swithins Exchange, Square London EC4 4EH Tel: 071-638 4254
Cash | 116.0 | | +0.1 | 11.35
Gt/Fxd Interest | 107.2 | 113.7 | -0.1 | 8.51
High Yield | 255.9 | 272.4e | +0.4 | 3.59
Guarantee | 360.1 | 384.7 | +1.1 | 3.16
Inc Tst | 104.5 | 111.8 | .. | 5.69
Intl | 127.8 | 136.5 | +1.3 | 0.05
Managed | 472.8 | 497.7 | -0.1 | ..
Pacific | 179.5 | 191.7e | +0.7 | 0.00
Pacific | 302.4 | 333.0e | +4.1 | 0.55
Pension | 228.1 | 243.6 | -0.6 | 3.60
Smlr Cos | 210.4 | 224.7e | .. | 2.54
Euro Trust | 322.1 | 344.1c | -0.9 | 0.59

HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
PO Box 600 Edinburgh EH15 1EW Tel: 0800 65000
Global Adv Inc | 28.68 | 30.28 | +0.15 | 2.40
Global Adv Acc | 28.68 | 30.59 | +0.15 | 2.40

HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Amott & Co, Penybryn, Hollybush, Hawick, Essex, Tel: Enquiries: 0277 222300 Dealing: 0277 650398
Amer Equity | 92.17 | 98.59e | +0.42 | 0.70
Capital Gth | 82.11 | 87.84e | +0.03 | 2.83
Smlr Cos | 30.66 | 32.80e | -0.06 | 5.15
Equity Inc | 97.64 | 103.9e | -0.29 | 7.81
Euro | 126.3 | 134.0 | +0.6 | 0.40
High Inc | 89.03 | 78.44 | -0.14 | 0.50
Intl | 99.29 | 106.2e | +0.49 | 0.00
Jap & Far East | 99.81 | 104.9e | +0.69 | 0.00
N Am | 77.45 | 82.19e | +1.46 | 1.39
Scandinavian | 109.4 | 116.7 | +0.4 | 0.91
Smlr Cos | 28.43 | 30.44 | -0.04 | 3.73
UK New Comm | 37.11 | 39.46 | -0.91 | 2.03

HENDERSON
Premier UT Administration Admin 5, Rockfield Rd, Histon, Brentwood, Essex, Tel: 0277 261010
Am Smlr Cos | 54.31 | 58.84 | +1.09 | 0.00
Asian Enterprise | 73.85 | 85.51 | +1.16 | 1.48
Australian | 111.5 | 119.2 | -0.10 | 4.13
European | 203.8 | 221.9e | +0.61 | 0.64
Euro Inc | 115.4 | 123.4e | +0.64 | 0.94
Euro Smlr Cos | 105.1 | 114.7 | +0.29 | 0.94
Extra Inc | 238.5 | 251.8c | -0.17 | 6.43
Family Of Fds | 56.25 | 59.86 | +0.02 | 2.07
Financial Interest | 48.28 | 51.78e | +0.01 | 10.74
Global Equity | 89.92 | 96.13 | +0.52 | 0.00
Global Reserves | 70.22 | 75.57 | +0.51 | 1.79
High Inc | 262.5 | 280.9e | -0.05 | 6.04
High Yield | 200.1 | 214.0e | +0.48 | 5.56
Income | 272.1 | 304.1e | +0.42 | 5.56
Inc Assets | 145.6 | 156.9 | -0.04 | 5.80
Intl | 187.4 | 199.0 | +1.61 | 1.56
Japan Spec Sits | 189.2 | 197.3 | +2.94 | 0.00
Jap | 141.4 | 151.3 | +2.51 | 0.00
Nth Amer | 163.4 | 173.8 | +2.51 | 1.04
Pac Smlr Cos | 131.3 | 140.8 | +1.80 | 0.00
Prof/Gilt | 38.14 | 42.58e | +0.07 | 12.05
Smlr Cos Div | 224.2 | 240.1e | +0.47 | 2.35
Spec Sits Inc | 204.6 | 219.2 | +1.15 | 2.35
Do Acc | 304.6 | 326.0 | +1.71 | 2.35
Shrd Int British | 47.78 | 51.05e | -0.14 | 3.75
Spirit Of Enst | 42.75 | 45.73 | +0.66 | 0.52

HILL SAMUEL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
HLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon CR9 5HL Tel: 081-686 4355
British | 75.02 | 80.29e | +0.02 | 3.35
Capcl | 181.7 | 140.8 | +1.8 | 2.80
Dollar | 137.2 | 146.8 | +0.8 | 0.00
Euro | 167.9 | 179.8 | +0.9 | 1.04
Far East | 155.7 | 166.6 | +1.7 | 2.69
Financial | 501.1 | 536.5 | -0.2 | 3.84
Gilt Fxd Int Inc | 108.2 | 115.8 | +0.07 | 9.04
High Yield | 92.58 | 99.01e | +1.80 | 4.55
Intl | 116.4 | 124.6e | +0.1 | 4.55
Intl | 164.4 | 176.8 | +1.9 | 1.33
Jap Tech | 94.58 | 101.2 | +1.12 | 0.00
Resrt Resorces | 90.83 | 93.29 | +1.51 | 2.42
Security | 244.4 | 261.5 | .. | 3.92
Smlr Cos | 92.54 | 99.07 | +0.02 | 2.55
Spec Sits | 118.9 | 128.2 | -0.1 | 3.76
US Smlr Cos | 40.66 | 43.48e | +0.56 | 0.00

HILL SAMUEL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Nelson Hse, 10-18 Movement St, London EC2M 5AJ Tel: 071-623 1212
Dealings: 0277 281421 Services: 0800 289336
Income Trusts
Cash Accum | 60.73 | 61.03e | +0.02 | 11.54
Extra Inc | 80.54 | 85.45c | +1.05 | 6.47
Gilt Yield Inc | 107.0 | 112.6e | -0.2 | 9.29
Global Inc | 164.5 | 175.0e | +3.7 | 4.57
High Yield Inc | 116.7 | 124.2e | +0.5 | 5.84
PPP Inc | 0.19 | 0.78e | +0.01 | 5.72
Smlr Cos Div | 40.65 | 43.28e | -0.11 | 6.47
Capital Growth Trusts
Am Smlr Co | 68.42 | 73.85 | +0.67 | 0.00
N Amer | 90.25 | 94.10 | +0.83 | 1.30
Euro Inc | 113.6 | 121.1 | +0.9 | 0.55
Euro Spec Inc | 77.79 | 82.78 | +0.43 | 5.15
FD Invest Trst | 27.34 | 29.08 | +0.16 | 2.79
Gensl Inc | 257.5 | 282.7 | +0.5 | 3.76
Intl Recov | 111.4 | 118.5e | +0.5 | 1.72
Jap Inc | 96.1 | 102.3 | +0.4 | 0.00
Jap & Far East | 98.81 | 104.9e | +0.69 | 0.00
N Am | 77.45 | 82.19e | +1.46 | 1.39
Scandinavian | 109.4 | 116.7 | +0.4 | 0.91
Smlr Cos | 28.43 | 30.44 | -0.04 | 3.73
UK New Comm | 37.11 | 39.46 | -0.91 | 2.03

HENDERSON
Premier UT Administration Admin 5, Rockfield Rd, Histon, Brentwood, Essex, Tel: 0277 261010
Am Smlr Cos | 54.31 | 58.84 | +1.09 | 0.00
Asian Enterprise | 73.85 | 85.51 | +1.16 | 1.48
Australian | 111.5 |

Time for action against sharks

Most lenders and borrowers would view an interest rate of 57.3 per cent to be grossly exorbitant, but not the system set in place under the Consumer Credit Act to protect borrowers.

Since the legislation came into operation 14 years ago, only a handful of cases have reached the courts and many have failed to prove that the interest rates being charged were extortionate. A loan rate of 12 per cent over three months, which works out at an annual percentage rate of 57.3 per cent was not ruled as excessive.

The courts can reduce interest rates being charged but each borrower must apply to the courts. Because one person wins a ruling that their loan terms are excessive does not mean that the company has to reduce the rates for all customers.

Most important, the legislation was doomed to failure from the outset because the people who are ripped off were the ones who had no spare money to consult a solicitor and take the lender to court. They are also unlikely to want to cause a fuss in case they are credit blacklisted.

The director-general of Fair Trading is expected to announce next month how the law can be improved. Let us hope that it will put the onus on the professionals to take action against loan sharks.

The National Consumer Council reported this week that it could not find any cases of secured loans being reopened by the courts. Yet any debt worker knows that loan rates as high as 40 per cent on long-term second mortgages are not uncommon.

Such loans usually carry little risk for the lender as they will make sure there is sufficient value in the property to cover all money lent on it. If the borrower cannot afford to keep up the payments, the lender can foreclose, evict the owner and get his money back. Anyone desperate enough to pay these sort of rates and put their home in jeopardy is unlikely to feel inclined to report the matter, let alone take the company to court.

If a public body, such as the Office of Fair Trading was able to take action and decisions were to be binding on other credit agreements made by a lender, then there would be real protection for borrowers. Not that interest rates alone are the problem. The NCC quotes one case where an £800 arrangement fee was charged by a credit broker on a £2,000 loan. Compulsory insurance policies can also add to the cost of credit.

The NCC and other consumer bodies want to change the wording of the Act so that courts no longer have to decide whether an interest rate is "grossly exorbitant" just whether it is "excessive".



COMMENT

LINDSAY COOK
WEEKEND MONEY EDITOR

Teeth bite

At last investors seem to have a watchdog with powers to protect. The Investment Management Regulatory Organisation announced for the third time in a month yesterday that it had fined one of its members. Imro said that Financial Administration Systems had been fined £75,000. This follows a £100,000 fine for four Hill Samuel investment companies and a £50,000 fine for the largest fund manager, Mercury Asset Management.

In each case, Imro satisfied itself that the rule breaches had been rectified and administration was back up to scratch before announcing the results of its disciplinary proceedings.

It has not been afraid to tackle big names and to let the investment world know that it takes all breaches seriously, even where there is no question that client money was at risk.

It knows that poor administrative standards can provide the opportunity for the dishonest to defraud. Everything has to be in order for both companies and investors to be well protected. There is no excuse with the current low trading volumes for such details to be neglected.

Other well known companies are likely to face public rebuke before this round of Imro proceedings is completed. About 60 companies are being investigated.

Not all will be found to have breached the organisation's rules. Investors can have confidence, though, that if they make a complaint about one of the 1,300 Imro members, it will be looked into.

Too often other regulators seem to ignore problems. Investors often complain that they can get no action.

Other regulatory organisations could learn from this openness instead of continuing to give the impression that they are clubs concerned with looking after members' interests ahead of those of the investor.

Parents struggle over school fees

Lindsay Cook reports on an insurance policy aimed at easing the strain of funding children's education

THE increase in the number of parents having difficulties paying school fees has prompted the development of a new type of insurance. The policy will pay fees when parents lose their jobs, are injured, or fall ill.

There are also early indications that many schools are responding to the recession by curbing increases in fees for the year beginning in September.

The Independent Schools Information Service (ISIS) has seen a dramatic increase in recent months in the number of parents seeking help with fees. In April, ISIS reported that the number of pupils receiving financial help from schools had doubled since 1982. The service urged those facing problems to tell the school s involved as early as possible.

The insurance policy will be launched by ISIS next week and could be provided by some schools from the autumn term. The cost of cover will depend on the level of fees. Cover will be cheapest when taken by a school as a group policy, covering all its pupils, because the claims are expected to be lower than on individual policies taken out by parents. Premiums will start at 2.3 per cent of fees for group schemes. Already more than 30 schools have shown an interest in the scheme, which will also pay out in the event of the failure of a personal business.

Richard Davison, the deputy director of ISIS, said: "We don't keep records on the number of parents having difficulties with their fees but the impression is that we are getting a lot of calls. He said: "It is what we would expect in times of economic recession. It has been particularly marked this year with calls coming from the whole country."

Isis's research showed that only 20 to 25 per cent of parents planned "well in advance" for school fees. Most relied on income and money from grandparents.

Most parents approaching Isis have already approached the schools concerned and been refused help. Educational charities are mostly confined to giving help to families in "real distress", said Mr Davison. Fees may also be paid if families are hit by a financial difficulties at a crucial stage in their children's education.

Mr Davison added: "Schools try to help in these circumstances from their own bursary funds. But they do not have enough money to help all the parents who have not planned adequately for fees and are now running out of money." ISIS operates a loans scheme in conjunction with National Westminster Bank and Claremont Savile, the school fees advisers. This allows parents to use the value built up in their home to borrow money to pay fees.

Schools were sympathetic, said Mr Davison. "If they know what the circumstances are and believe they are likely to be temporary, they will as likely as not want to help." ISIS is due to begin compiling information on the September fees for its annual guide. Details already received show that increases are generally lower than last year's record average rise of 12.5 per cent.

Mr Davison said: "There is, on the whole, a recognition with heads and bursars that they have to show that schools are prepared to tighten their belts as well as the parents." Hugo Pring, of Fraser Marr, the school fees planners, reported a significant increase in the number of enquiries from people with children already at school wanting to raise money for fees.

He said: "They haven't planned in advance and, in response to unemployment or lower income levels, are now calling to find out if there are alternative ways of paying for fees. Often there are not."

Parents were also asking for details of the assisted places scheme operated by the education department. They want to transfer children who are already at public schools to the scheme. This is possible, but may be difficult as 60 per cent of places have to go to children from state schools.

Some parents had planned ahead but had their school fees funds hit last August. The fall in world stock markets after the invasion of Kuwait knocked 20 per cent off many of the unit-linked funds in which they had invested at a time when they had to cash in units to pay for the fees. Mr Pring said: "This could have cost them one year or 18 months' fees because they had to sell many more units than they had planned to pay last year's fees."

At the School Fees Insurance Agency, Anne Feek, said: "We hear from schools of a number of parents who are finding difficulty paying the fees. Once parents decide they want private education for their children they have to be really desperate before they give it up."

Donald Caskie, the chairman of the Bursars' Association, said: "There has been a higher incidence of parents suffering hardship in the last six to eight months. It is happening at schools across the board. We are advising parents with problems to talk to the schools as soon as possible."



Education at all costs: schoolboys take a break from studies at Harrow

'Lifeline can turn out to be millstone'

By SARA MCCONNELL

PARENTS who need funds for school fees immediately because they have been made redundant or underestimated the rising costs of fees, should only use schemes allowing them to unlock the equity on their homes as a last resort, school fees specialists have given warning.

Several lenders, including the National Westminster Bank and The Royal Bank of Scotland, offer schemes where parents draw down a line of credit secured against their home to pay the fees as they need them.

Lenders usually insist that home owners take out an endowment policy to cover the loan. If they want to spread payments over ten years, they will have to take out a ten-year endowment to cover the maximum amount of loan they may need.

If they set up a credit line for £50,000 and use only £10,000, they will still have to continue paying premiums to cover £50,000. Interest rates are 2 per cent above bank base rates. Customers can borrow up to 80 per cent of the value of their property, including all other loans secured on it.

Anthony Fraser, director of Fraser Marr, said: "There is no tax relief on such loans. What people thought was a lifeline could turn out to be a millstone."

Michael Hope, a director at Whitehead and Partners, said parents would also incur extra costs, such as surveyors' and legal fees. National Westminster said it was taking parents an average of 15 years to pay off the debt.

Students failing to repay loans may face blacklist

By MARGARET DIBBEN

SOME students are already failing to repay student loans taken out earlier this year. Several hundred others, either graduates or those who dropped out in the first term, have begun repayment.

Some of the non-payers are unemployed or below the threshold wage and so qualify for deferment. Ronald Harrison, managing director of the Student Loans Company, admitted, however, that there was a small percentage who could not be traced. "We have not yet decided if they are doing it intentionally."

The Finance Houses Association is hoping to persuade the Student Loans Company to register the names of students who default with credit reference agencies.

Mr Harrison said: "At the moment, we are not going to do this." The two sides will meet for further talks in the next few months.

At issue is a definition of the point at which a non-paying student becomes a defaulter and Mr Harrison agreed that, in certain circumstances, he would release details.

He said: "There are two occasions on which we would part with information about students. One is where the loan has got to the stage of going to court and become public knowledge. The other is where we can make no headway with a borrower, which is called a 'skip and trace' case. Somebody who gets to the court stage obviously has no intention of paying and we would release that information. We will always take them to court unless they have a valid reason for not paying."

He has yet to decide when a "can't pay" becomes a "won't pay". Mr Harrison added: "In my book, it is wrong to blacklist someone for getting into arrears because part of the collection operation is to try to get them back on to the straight and narrow. It is unjust if they had to live with the tag of being a bad debtor for the rest of their lives."

Neil Grant, director of the Finance Houses Association, explained why he wanted bad debt information recorded. "Certainly, this is a very delicate area of credit," he said. "But if you get young people who are not paying back student loans because they are already in serious debt or refuse to pay, this is just the sort of person who will be going down the high street for a store card or applying for an unsecured loan.

"If you have someone who clearly should not be given any more credit, we should know about it. Otherwise, if a student does get into debt or refuses to pay back, no one will know about it apart from the Student Loans Company."



Harrison: further talks

Mr Harrison said: "We, as a company, must satisfy ourselves that the individual is avoiding payment intentionally. If students fail to pay by accident, there is no question of us treating them as a bad debtors until we have established that they are bad debtors. Then it is up to the company to try to recover the debt on behalf of the taxpayer. We give the individual every opportunity to repay but we will not use an outside debt collection agency."

Student loans next year will be larger as the loan begins to compensate for the frozen grant. Students can apply for this year's loan until the end of June. Mr Harrison said: "We will keep the doors open as long as we are allowed to."

Only a quarter of the expected number of students took up loans in the current year, but Mr Harrison expects more next year. "Now, with the increased level of loan and the reduced rate of interest, plus the fact that this is the year the grant has been frozen at last year's level, it becomes a more important percentage of their funding."

The current rate of interest is 9.8 per cent, fixed by last June's increase in the retail price index.

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THE price of shares in the two Scottish electricity companies will be 240p, it was announced this week. Stockbrokers will be offering cheap dealing services when trading starts on June 18 (Sara McConnell writes). Dunbar, Boyle & Kingsley, the London stockbroker, will sell shares in either of the companies for 1.5 per cent of the value of the shares or £15, whichever is the greater. Families and friends can sell shares in batches, regardless of surname and address. Wise Speke, the stockbroker, will charge a minimum of £20 to deal, without having to wait for share certificates.

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Investors could lose rapidly

Futures funds to invade Britain

By RUPERT BRUCE

POTENTIALLY volatile futures and options funds have become increasingly popular in America in the past ten years and will soon be available in Britain, in the form of unit trusts. The Securities and Investments Board expects to finalise rules governing the management and marketing of futures and options unit trusts later this month.

With such funds, it will be possible for investors to lose all their money rapidly. These unit trusts will be in two forms: ungeared futures and options fund (FOF) and the erratic geared futures and options fund (GFOF).

British GFOFs will be able to put 20 per cent of the fund into uncovered futures and options. This compares with an average 30 per cent investment in uncovered futures and options in America, according to TASS Assets Management, a London consultant. A fund punting on, for example, the FTSE-100 index, could be geared six to seven times. If the index fell about 16 per cent, the fund would lose not only its 20 per cent but also its entire value, according to Fidelity, the unit trust manager.

The money in futures funds in America has rocketed over the past ten years to an estimated $12 billion. That compares with $500 million in 1980, according to *Managed Account Reports*, which tracks the performance of these funds. Britain's futures and options funds will be milder versions of those in America.

The FOF, which will initially be more common, may be a normal unit trust with futures and options used to aid portfolio management. Alternatively, it could be an index-tracking fund. The geared GFOF might be used to give geared exposure to the London stock markets FTSE-100 index and could be used to give geared exposure to a wide range of commodity and financial markets.

American funds generally career along, with $1,000 invested in 1985 with Reynwood Trading, one of the larger American managers, worth almost $3,000 today. The investment would, however, have lost more than 20 per cent of its value a couple of times on the way up.

Nicola Meaden, TASS managing director, said: "Some American managers are performing sensationally, but you would not read about the others who are performing abysmally." Many managers have achieved stunning returns for their first three years, only then to see their performance falter, she said. Every manager has his or her own "system" for playing different markets, and it may be that these break down after success attracts a large sum of money.

The SIB will have to ensure that the wrong GFOF does not go to the wrong investor. In America, this has not always happened and, more recently, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, the United States futures regulator, has been criticised for not being tough enough on Stotler Group, a futures company that collapsed last year.

Japanese regulators have decided to impose a £415,000 minimum investment in futures funds, ensuring only professionals invest.

Robin Cresswell, international sales manager of ED&F Mann, who manages the $1 billion Mint series of funds, said: "The GFOF actually allows a very low level of gearing in relation to the total amount of client equity. So, unless the manager trading the futures portion of the GFOF trades extremely aggressively, and unless his broker allows him to trade aggressively, it is unlikely GFOFs will display the volatility of other managed funds."



Taking chances: clamour and excitement get a grip on trading on the futures floor

Base rate cut spurs spate of loan offers

A NUMBER of fixed-interest and capped mortgages have been launched this week in the wake of the cut in bank base rates last Friday. Money is generally available for repayment, pension and endowment loans and for remortgages and purchases (Lindsay Cook writes).

Hill Samuel is offering loans at 10.45 per cent, an annual percentage rate (APR) of 11.2 per cent, until August next year. The offer closes on June 28 and there is an administration fee of £295.

Scarborough Building Society is offering a one-year fixed-rate loan at 10.5 per cent, an APR of 11.19 per cent. The society's homecare insurance and payment by direct debit are compulsory. Borrowers can pay a £100 application fee or £195 on completion.

The Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society has fixed-rate mortgages at 10.75 per cent, APR 13.1 per cent, for 12 months. The society has reduced its mortgage rate to 11.45 per cent for the first year for customers who borrow 80 per cent or less of a property's value.

John Charcol, mortgage broker, is offering mortgages fixed at 10.95 per cent, APR 13.6 per cent, until June 1993. There is an acceptance fee of £300.

Lambeth Building Society is offering a discount of up to 2.25 per cent for the first year. This gives a rate of 10.2 per cent for people borrowing 60 per cent or less of a property's value. The borrower must take out accident, sickness and unemployment cover.

The Mortgage Corporation is offering capped mortgages at 11.49 per cent until June next year on purchases. For remortgages the rate is 11.99 per cent. There is an acceptance fee of £195.

'Handshake' tax feared

By LINDSAY COOK, MONEY EDITOR

AN INLAND Revenue attempt to stop people retiring with extra tax-free payments has worried one financial adviser. Sedgwick Financial Services has given a warning this week that people forced to retire early could face a tax bill of up to £12,000 on their golden handshake.

The concern arises from a memorandum issued by the Superannuation Funds Office, which was effective from the beginning of March. This was intended to stop companies making *ex gratia* payments to employees retiring in an attempt to circumvent tax laws.

Redundancy payments of up to £30,000 are free of tax and will remain so. The payments that are now taxed are made to people when they retire. Some companies have used these as a way of giving a tax-free pension bonus or retirement gift to senior employees. These are now to be treated as a lump sum from an unapproved pension scheme and employees will be taxed on the whole amount.

An Inland Revenue spokesman said the payments involved were "single *ex gratia* lump sums". Only a small number of companies ever made such payments. There was no question of the first £30,000 of redundancy payments being taxed, he added.

Robert Weare, marketing director at Sedgwick, said the situation was not clear and the Inland Revenue ruling could affect those forced to retire early.

He said: "This largely arises as the details available are not enshrined under statute, and whilst we have been expecting a further release from the Inland Revenue to clarify the position this has still not materialised.

"The present wording is open to fairly wide interpretation but it is clear that the new terms are not intended to affect payments genuinely given for 'loss of office'. However, this does beg the question what exactly 'loss of office' means."

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Aegon Financial Services is marking its recent launch in Britain by increasing rates on its guaranteed income bonds. Investments of between *£15,000 and £74,999 will* earn 9.7 per cent net, 12.93 per cent gross. Those of £75,000 or more earn 9.8 per cent net, 13.88 per cent gross for a higher band taxpayer, 13.07 for a basic rate taxpayer.

Guide updated

Many people do not realise that inheritance tax starts at 40 per cent after exemptions, with no intermediate tax bands, Towry Law, the independent financial adviser, has said. An estate of £400,000 could be subject to £104,000 of tax. Towry Law has updated *The Death Tax and How to Avoid It*, its advsiory booklet, to include changes made in the last Budget. The booklet outlines the various inheritance tax exemptions, explains how to mitigate inheritance tax by potentially exempt transfers and describes how to make a will.

Insurance shops

Safeguard Insurance Centres will sell a range of motor, life and pension policies from its new chain of 200 high street branches.

Medical cover

A private medical insurance policy providing cover for *normal maternity, nursing* and home help care, alternative medicine and increased overseas medical insurance cover will be offered by MGI Prime Health from July 1.

Trust launched

Exeter Fund Managers has launched ExZero, a unit trust investing in investment trust zero dividend preference shares (zeros), for those wanting capital growth rather than income.

Bank calls for review of bills paid by card

By Sara McConnell

LLOYDS Bank has called for the system of paying regular bills by credit card to be reviewed because of administrative problems caused by customers forgetting to cancel agreements with suppliers.

Banks that charge annual fees for credit cards have been hit particularly hard. Barclays and Lloyds, the first two card issuers to charge annual fees, each lost several hundred thousand customers to non-charging rivals. Lloyds could have lost as many as three quarters of a million customers.

The bank said those closing accounts often did not remember to cancel agreements with suppliers, such as the electricity company or the local authority. Under the Visa/Mastercard rules, banks have to continue to pay the supplier, even if the account is closed.

A spokeswoman for Lloyds said the bank had told Visa, the international card network, that regular payments or continuous authority transactions were "not useful on credit card accounts".

She added: "We have said to Visa that we want the whole situation looked at. This is not a satisfactory state of affairs. The current account is usually a customer's main banking relationship and customers are less likely to think about credit card payment agreements.

"The continuous authority transaction is between the customer and the retailer but, under Visa rules, the issuer has to pay the supplier within 24 hours." The money then has to be claimed back from the customer.

Visa said that comments from Lloyds would be looked into and that changes to the continuous authority transaction rules would mean changes to the Visa regulations. Barclays also confirmed that customers had closed accounts to avoid paying an annual fee and had forgotten to cancel their agreements.

A spokeswoman said: "Problems arise if customers forget to cancel or tell the supplier they no longer want to be party to the agreement. Barclays wouldn't be aware that there was a continuous authority transaction because it would go through in the same way as any other payment.

"But we will investigate on behalf of a customer if there was a dispute."

Card issuers have the right to suspend payments while investigating a dispute between a customer and a supplier.

The customer, however, would have to pay interest on any transaction not cleared within the payment period at normal credit card rates if the supplier was proved right.

Barclays said there had been only 160,000 continuous authority transactions in a sample of cardholder transactions over three months. There are 9 million Barclaycard holders.

National Westminster Bank said it was difficult to evaluate activity on continuous authority transactions because the contract was between the customer and the supplier.

A spokesman said: "There is no evidence to suggest our customers have difficulty with the continuous authority transaction system although there are occasional problems in people's own eyes."

The Association for Payment Clearing Services said that paying regular bills from a credit card account was less secure than setting up a direct debit from a current account.

A spokesman said: "Customers paying from credit card accounts don't have any protection. They have to rely on the fact that they have a reputable supplier."

Ian Lindsey, director of banking at Save & Prosper, said: "Continuous authority transactions are not as secure as far as the customer is concerned. The credit card rules say that if a customer signs a voucher, he or she is responsible until the agreement with the supplier is cancelled.

"We would take the view that if the customer wrote to the supplier cancelling the agreement we would slug it out with the merchant's bank if it was continuing to debit the account once told not to."

PAULA YOUENS



Pressure to debit pays off

THE total of direct debit payments from current accounts rose 20 per cent to £835 million last year, an indication that the efforts of banks and suppliers to persuade customers to use direct debits are having an impact (Sara McConnell writes).

Banks want to cut down on processing and administrative costs of standing orders, which have to be amended *manually* every time a payment changes. Direct debits can be changed automatically once they have been set up. Banks point out that customers are protected if money is wrongly paid out.

Lloyds Bank said: "Standing orders are more work. The customer has to remember to ask us to change the payment then we have to change it. With a direct debit, the receiving organisation just tells the customer his payment will be changed in 14 days time."

Lloyds said processing a standing order cost ten times more than a direct debit. National Westminster estimated the cost of processing a standing order to be at double that of a direct debit.

Save & Prosper said that it cost between £3 and £4 per transaction to set up a standing order and just under £1 to set up a direct debit. Processing costs of direct debits were negligible while standing orders cost £1 per transaction in staff time. Its customers had, on average, four orders or debits a month.

Ian Lindsey, banking director at Save & Prosper, said: "There is pressure to get people to go onto direct debit payments. If I were a large bank, I would tend to price standing orders higher than direct debits because standing orders are a pain to set up."

Suppliers are also keen to encourage people to pay by direct debit, although most do not offer direct financial incentives for them to do so.

London Electricity offered an indirect incentive between January and March this year. The company put an extra 20,000 customers onto direct debit payments by offering to pay £1 per customer to Help a London Child, the charity.

Figures from the Association for Payment Clearing Services (Apacs) show that 4 per cent of all direct debits last year went to pay utilities bills. Insurance premiums accounted for 50 per cent.

Sharelink offers easy deals on privatised stock

SHAREHOLDERS who hold shares in privatised stocks will be able to deal cheaply all year through Sharelink, the execution only dealing service, from today. Previously, Sharelink *only offered its dealing service* in the wake of each privatisation (Sara McConnell writes).

Commission on deals by post through Sharelink's new EasiDeal service starts at £12.50 or 1 per cent of the value of the shares. There is a surcharge of £2.50 for family deals. Charges for telephone dealing cost a minimum of £17.50 or 1.25 per cent. The surcharge for families of up to four people is £3.50

David Jones, Sharelink's chief executive, said: "We were conscious that we were putting services on and off for privatisation deals. Customers never knew when they could deal. Such 'ad hoc' arrangements cannot adequately cater for the needs of many millions of new investors who own just a few hundred shares and, in many cases, have never actually dealt in shares."



Jones: broad client base

Mr Jones added: "At one end, we have sophisticated investors who need to deal immediately and know what price they are dealing at. At the other extreme, we have people dealing twice a year, who want the convenience."

Investors will be able to deal in all government privatisation shares, including the 12 regional electricity companies, the ten water companies, National Power and PowerGen, BAA, British Airways, British Gas, British Telecom, Rolls-Royce and TSB. They will also be able to deal in Scottish electricity company shares when trading starts on June 18. Sharelink has raised the commission on its standard dealing service in all listed shares to a minimum of £20 from £17.50. Mr Jones said the rise was "irrelevant" because most people paying the minimum would be the customers who would now start using EasiDeal.

Beware the hidden costs of an unauthorised overdraft

By Lindsay Cook
Money Editor

NOT having enough money in a current account to meet regular direct debits can prove expensive. A Weekend Money reader was charged £50 when Lloyds, his bank, refused to meet his mortgage payment.

The lending services officer at his branch wrote to tell him that the bank had been unable to pay the direct debit for £388.33 as this would have resulted in an overdraft of £1,589.75 on his current account. The bank asked him to restore the account to order immediately and said that £50 had been debited to cover administration costs.

Lloyds Bank said that its standard charge for not paying direct debits or standing orders because of lack of funds was £25. A similar charge was levied for bouncing cheques. This was set out clearly in the tariff sent to personal customers every six months.

A spokeswoman said: "The letter [from the bank] was not explicit enough. There is no discretion on this charge. It is £25 per item and I would expect this charge must be for two items and not one."

She added that Lloyds also charged £15 for letters telling customers that they were overdrawn without permission. No charges were levied on the Classic account if the overdraft was for less than £100.

At Barclays, there is a standard daily fee for the work involved in not paying debits or orders, and for bouncing cheques. The bank said: "Any number of cheques or direct debits are all dealt with for the same £15 fee if they occur on the same day."

When customers become overdrawn, the bank sends them a statement immediately, so that they know they have no funds. They are not charged for this. If the customer does not rectify the matter, a fee of £10 is charged for unauthorised overdrafts and interest is charged at 35.4 per cent.

Midland Bank has a £20 fee for each direct debit, standing order or cheque not paid. Before this is charged, customers are likely to receive a letter telling them they are overdrawn. This costs £12. The bank's interest rate for unauthorised overdrafts is 36.7 per cent. This compares with authorised overdrafts of 26.7 per cent. There is a quarterly fee of £25 on unauthorised overdrafts, plus transaction charges.

National Westminster Bank charges £20 for each direct debit, standing order or cheque that cannot be paid because of insufficient funds. The bank also charges customers £15 for a letter telling them they are overdrawn.

Abbey National charges £15 for not paying direct debits or bouncing cheques. There is no charge for standing orders not paid or for letters informing customers that they are overdrawn.

TSB charges £15 for not paying cheques, standing orders or direct debits. The fee includes a letter to the customer informing them that they are overdrawn.

At the Royal Bank of Scotland managers have discretion to charge between £6 and £15 for each cheque, standing order or direct debit not paid and for letters.

If a bank refuses to pay premiums on an insurance policy that should be made through the direct debit system, the policy may be cancelled.

OFT tells clients to sue Top-Up

By Barbara Ellis

TOP-UP Mortgage Services was in breach of contract when it increased its rate from 18.125 per cent to 22.125 per cent last month, says the Office of Fair Trading.

But the OFT has told home buyers that they will have to take Top-Up to court themselves if they want redress, even though the office is responsible for licensing and policing the company under the Consumer Credit Act and thousands of borrowers were affected by the increase.

The OFT wrote to a home buyer that Top-Up should have held its rate at the three-month London inter-bank offer rate plus 3 per cent, as specified in the mortgage offers sent out by Provincial Bank, the original lender. The bank assured borrowers there would be no change in their terms and conditions when it sold its mortgages to Top-Up last September.

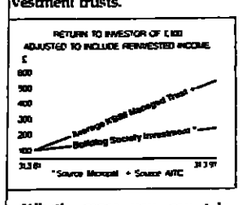
Barbara Lloyd of the OFT said: "It appears Top-Up Mortgage Services have purported to vary the interest rate in breach of contract. I would therefore suggest that you take this matter up with your solicitor as you know we are unable to intervene on your behalf." She added the interpretation of the contract was ultimately a matter for the court as the office only expressed an opinion.

Although unhelpful, this letter was an improvement on Ms Lloyd's initial response to the homebuyer, telling him his letter had been filed and noting that a licence was unlikely to be revoked.



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Modern bank aims to sell

From Mr D.S. Jenkins
(Retired bank manager)

Sir, There have been now, so many letters on the subject of banks and their lack of service, that I feel your readers are simply not aware of the immense change that has taken place over the last few years and which has resulted in very different attitudes to customers and their problems.

There are very few old-style professional bank managers left. This answers Mrs Graham's question (Weekend Money, May 4).

One of the many reasons for this is that banks today do not serve, they sell, and with this different approach to customers and indeed community in which they operate, bank staff are now salespeople even to the extent that their remuneration is largely based on results against targets.

The professionalism has largely disappeared and the short-term success rate has replaced the longer establishment of sound relationships based on care and good counselling. The build-up of a family connection is rated a low priority against selling insurance or pension plans and the whole thrust is to extract as much as possible in terms of commissions and costs. It is not only in the banking profession that times have changed, it is that bank managers have now followed the family doctor, solicitor and local vicar into obscurity in the quest for higher profitability and efficiency.

The market down-grading of the banks and appalling bad debt situations leave me wondering if we older men did not have it right as it had been for three hundred years.

Yours faithfully,
D.S. JENKINS,
Pound Hall Farm,
107 Norley Lane,
Studley, Calne, Wiltshire.



LETTERS

Luckless customers forced to pay for bounced cheques

From Dr Ronald F. Homer

Sir, I am astounded to discover from NatWest's current Tariff for Account Services (sic) that they will charge the luckless customer who is payee of a cheque which subsequently bounces the sum of £2.50!

To penalise someone for something over which they have no control is not only quite inequitable, but might perhaps be held to be an unfair contract term and hence unenforceable.

Perhaps a representative of NatWest would care to justify their stance and reconcile it with their slogan, "Here to make life easier".

Yours faithfully,
RONALD F. HOMER,
Gorse Croft,
West Hill Road,
West Hill,
Ottery St Mary,
Devon.

Labour party should apply NI logic to higher rate tax

From Mr Peter A. Toogood

Sir, I observed the Labour party's commitment to removing the ceiling on national insurance (NI) contributions. One of the reasons given was that it is unfair for a couple with one earning £40,000 and the other not earning to pay less NI than a couple with each earning £20,000.

Perhaps they will apply this logic to higher rate tax so that a couple with one earning £40,000 and the other not earning does not pay more tax than a couple with each earning £20,000. As you can see, the NI ceiling currently compensates for this strange tax situation.

Yours sincerely,
PETER A. TOOGOOD,
11 Edinburgh Close,
Southwater,
Horsham,
Sussex.

From Mr R.H. Edwards

Sir, In reply to the objection to the "married couple's allowance" expressed by Miss Margaret White (Weekend Money letters, May 25). Perhaps she has overlooked the point that there are many households where only one spouse (male or female) has any earned income. I offer an example — and I am sure many readers can do likewise — where a man because of his wife's multiple sclerosis disability had to retire early at 55 years in order to take care of her.

He was fortunate to do so on his former employer's pension scheme, currently, he informs me, at the rate of £5,312 pa. Many people are not so fortunate. An increase in the MCA "in line" with the other allowances would have kept his tax bill down from nearly £66 to £25 in 1991-2.

It is important to remember when deprivation of a tax allowance is under consideration that affluence is not widespread.

Yours faithfully,
R.H. EDWARDS,
Cil Y Coed,
Y Bala,
Gwynedd.

Better pension deal for high flyers

From Mr Nicholas Pye-Smith

Sir, Mr Smallbone's passing reference to "a few highly paid staff" (Weekend Money letters, May 18) reminds me of another probable reason for the attachment of many employers to their outdated occupational pension schemes.

Employees' contributions to these schemes are proportional to their earnings throughout their employment, but their ultimate pension is proportional to their final salary only. Therefore, someone who enjoys a rapid increase in salary towards the end of a career gets a better "deal" from the scheme than someone whose earnings are relatively constant, because in the former case the pension is higher in relation to the total contributions made over the years.

Which employees get the most benefit from an occupational pension scheme? I have no evidence, but it seems overwhelmingly likely that they are the people who finish as directors and senior executives. Their salaries often seems to rise in leaps and bounds towards the end of their careers, while more humble staff slowly progress from increment to increment.

Who makes the decisions about provision of an occupational pension scheme within an organisation? Apparently, the very people who stand to gain the most from it. They can look forward to receiving a substantial pension to which they have not contributed as much, proportionally, as their less well off colleagues.

Yours faithfully,
NICHOLAS PYE-SMITH,
37 Moorcroft Road,
Fulwood, Sheffield.

Hard lesson

From P. Hutton

Sir, Elizabeth Davies should not be too upset (Weekend Money letters, May 18), at least she does not have a mortgage with the Teachers Building Society. At the time of writing I am still paying 14.5 per cent on an endowment mortgage with no reduction announced. Needless to say, their rate does increase as rapidly as everyone else.

Yours faithfully,
P. HUTTON,
13 Fellows Road,
Farnborough, Hampshire.

Red letter days at the Abbey

From T.J. Gault

Sir, Both customers and staff at the Abbey National are seeing red these days.

Staff, I discovered, have been instructed not to accept payments on bank giro forms forming part of red reminders. The reason given is an inability to guarantee the payment will be processed in time.

For those customers who feel that being turned away might actually represent a slower payment option there is no hope in transcribing the creditor's details on to a normal bank giro slip either. They too may be turned away because the Abbey "knows a red letter has been issued".

The solution is to find a giro slip attached to the original bill, or in a payment book, and use that. There will be no problem. Simply lost time and an extra trip to the Abbey. Or perhaps simply photocopying the red giro would do.

To suspend a perfectly ordinary banking service, causing outrage among its customers who have not been advised of the fact, in the name of helping its customers is something of an achievement, even for the Abbey.

I wonder if investors who have failed to repay erroneously-issued Abbey dividends were sent letters of any particular hue?

Yours faithfully,
T.J. GAULT,
59 Ingleby Road,
Ilford, Essex.

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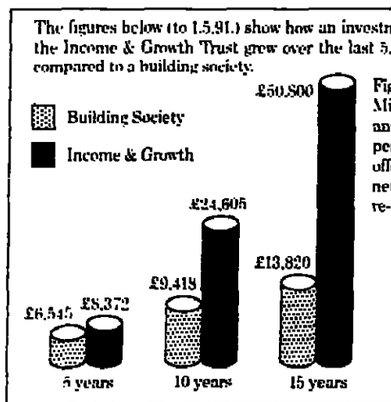
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Typical	4.20	4.28	3.41	none/none	7 day	——
Fixed Term Deposits:						
Barclays	7.78	7.78	6.22	25,000-50,000	1 mth	071-626 1567
"	8.06	8.06	6.45	25,000-50,000	3 mth	071-626 1567
Lloyds	8.44	8.44	6.75	2,500-no max	1 mth	Local Brnch
"	8.11	8.11	6.49	2,500-no max	6 mth	Local Brnch
Midland	7.46	7.46	5.97	50,000-no max	1 mth	0742 528555
" " "	7.36	7.36	5.89	10,000-no max	3 mth	0742 528555
NatWest	7.41	7.41	5.93	10,000-24,000	1 mth	071-726 1000
" " "	7.78	7.78	6.22	10,000-24,000	6 mth	071-726 1000
HIGH INTEREST CHEQUE ACCOUNTS						
Bank of Scotland MMC	7.23	7.48	5.96	2,500‡	none	031-442 7777
Barclays Prime a/c	6.56	6.72	5.38	2,500‡	none	0604 252881
Co-operative Ultra	3.00	3.00	2.40	1,000‡	none	071 626 8543
Girobank	6.96	6.96	5.56	1,000‡	none	051 966 2076
Lloyds HICA	2.83	2.86	2.12	1,000‡	none	0272 433372
Midland HICA	5.81	5.89	4.71	2,000‡	none	0742 528555
NatWest Special Reserve	6.38	6.58	5.26	500‡	none	071-374 3374
Royal Bank of Scot Prem A/c	6.83	7.00	5.60	2,500	none	031-556 8555
TSB Bank HICA	7.75	5.81	4.85	2,000‡	none	071-600 6000
BUILDING SOCIETIES						
Ordinary Share A/c	5.25	5.25	4.20	1 min	none	——
Best buy – largest socs:						
Portman	9.00	9.00	7.20	500 min	none	——
Cheltenham & Gl	9.56	9.56	7.65	2,500 min	none	——
Bristol & West	9.00	9.00	7.20	10,500 min	30 day	——
West Bromwich	9.56	9.56	7.65	20,000 min	90 day	——
Nationwide	9.96	9.96	7.96	50,000 min	1 year	——
Best buy – all socs:						
Portman	9.00	9.00	7.20	500 min	none	——
Cheltenham & Gl	9.56	9.56	7.65	2,500 min	none	——
Staffordshire	9.00	9.86	7.86	10,000 min	60 day	——
Norwich & Peter	9.30	9.71	7.88	10,000 min	6 mths	——
Leamington Spa	10.12	10.12	8.10	25,000 min	1 year	——
Cash/Cheque Accounts:						
Halifax Card Cash	4.24	4.28	3.42	25 min		Rates rise
Alliance & Leic Cash Plus	4.50	4.50	3.60	25 min		with larger
Nationwide Anglia Plex	2.48	2.48	1.96	1 min		balances

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NATIONAL SAVINGS					
Ordinary A/c¹	5.00	3.75	3.00	5-10,000	8 day	041-649-4555
Investment A/c	11.00	8.25	6.60	5-25,000	1 mth	041-649-4555
Income Bond*²	13.00	9.75	7.80	2,000-25,000	3 mth	0253 66151
Deposit Bond*□³	13.00	9.75	7.80		3 mth	041-649-4556
36th Issue Cert³†	8.50	8.50	8.50	25-5,000	8 day	091-386 4900
Yearly Plan†	8.50	8.50	8.50	20-200/mth	14 day	091-386 4900
General Extension Rate†	5.01	5.01	5.01			
Capital Bond	11.50	8.62	6.90	100-100,000	5 yrs	041-649-4555
GUARANTEED INCOME BONDS						
Allco	9.40	9.40	7.99	50,000 min	1 yrs	Figures from
New Direction Fin	9.40	9.40	7.99	5,000 min	2 yrs	Chase de
Prosperity	9.30	9.30	7.90	2,000 min	3 yrs	Vere
Aegon	9.80	9.80	8.33	75,000 min	4 yrs	071 404 5766
Liberty Life	9.60	9.60	8.16	25,000 min	5 yrs	for details

		Holiday rates	€ buys
RPI (April 90-91)	+6.4%	Spanish Pesetas:	178.00
Bank Base Rate	11.5%	French Francs:	9.70
Personal Loan	24.9%	Greek Drachmas:	311.00
Credit Card	19.6-31%	Italian Lire:	2120.00

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Lender	Interest Rate %	Loan Size	Max %	Notes
BUILDING SOCIETIES				
Nationwide 071 242 8822	11.75	£80-120K	95	After 0.5% discount
Northern Rock 091 285 7191	11.25	to 100K	95	After 1.20% discount to 1.5.92
Norwich & Peterbor. 0733 371371	10.95	to 100K	95	After 2% discount to 31.12.91
BANKS				
Barclays 0203 694242	11.20	£80-500K	90	
OTHER (INSURANCE COMPANY)				
Abbey Life 0202 292373	11.70	£15-150K	95	Rate capped to June 1992. Endowment only

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For readers who may have missed a copy of *The Times* this week, we repeat below the week's *Portfolio* price changes (today's are on page 29).

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1	+0	+5	+2	+2	+1		
2	+0	+2	+5	+3	+3		
3	+0	+4	+2	+5	+4		
4	+0	+5	+1	+3	+2		
5	+0	+5	+2	+5	+5		
6	+0	+3	+4	+2	+2		
7	+0	+6	+1	+5	+1		
8	+0	+5	+3	+3	+1		
9	+0	+4	+1	+3	+6		
10	+0	+8	+1	+8	+1		
11	+0	+7	+1	+6	+1		
12	+0	+5	+3	+3	+5		
13	+0	+6	+1	+6	+2		
14	+0	+2	+6	+1	+1		
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39	+0	+5	+3	+3	+5		
40	+0	+6	+1	+6	+1		
41	+0	+4	+2	+3	+1		
42	+0	+5	+2	+3	+5		
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Carnival occasions which follow a long slog



Rob Andrew, the England stand-off half, examines the way the French organise their club championship, which reaches its climax today

The invitation from Pierre Villepreux to join him for the French championship semi-finals was an offer I could not refuse. The weather was glorious, the pitches were beautiful and the rugby absorbing. It was the kind of busman's holiday that lifts the spirits.

Villepreux, the wonderfully gifted full back who won 34 caps for France between 1969 and 1972, has been a friend since he joined the England squad to impart many words of wisdom in Lanzarote two and a half years ago. He thought I would like to see how they do things in France, particularly as his team, Toulouse, was involved. For all that we admire French rugby, there is not a great deal we know about the way they organise things.

Toulouse were playing Racing at Bordeaux and Bègles-Bordeaux were meeting Bèziers the following day at Toulouse. That the games were at neutral venues, miles from home, seemed to add to the occasion – like the way Cornwall seems to empty out and head for London whenever the county team plays at Twickenham.

Coaches and cars full of supporters, blowing trumpets, banging drums, waving flags and banners, and setting off firecrackers, gave the occasions tremendous appeal for the whole population. The towns in which the clubs play seem to have much more affinity with the teams than is the case in England – perhaps because the clubs are much more involved in the community, recruiting larger pools of players, organising the game to a greater degree, and running more teams from a younger age.

The Toulouse club, for instance, has 560 players on its books, while my club, Wasps, has 150 to 200. With those kind of figures, the French are clearly linked with more families in their town and attract a bigger following.

My weekend ended on a high note for my host: his Toulouse team gained a place in the final against Bègles, both teams winning 13-12. The final, at the Parc des Princes in Paris today, will be the climax to a French season that started last August. The French championship is a complex affair. It starts with 80 – yes, 80 – clubs, which are split into 20 groups of four. The leading two in each group qualify for the main competition and the bottom two go into the minor championship.

The leading 40 progress to four leagues of ten, with each team playing the other nine in its league home and away. The top four from each league then move into the penultimate stage: these 16 clubs play each other home and away and an aggregate points system decides which eight qualify for the championship quarter-finals. What a system! It works for the French – but it does make for a long season.

One aspect of the semi-finals I found strange was the number of dropped goal attempts. There must have been a dozen in each game, with the Bordeaux match being decided by a last-minute dropped goal from the touchline.

Do not think that all French rugby is played in the elegant and thrilling manner of their national team last season. There are devotees of the forward-orientated game, and it showed in the Bègles v Béziers match.

The most important part of the French championship is played after the five nations' championship, unlike in England where vital league and cup games are sprinkled in the "rest" Saturdays. It is something that is, hopefully, exercising the minds of administrators here. You won't catch the French agreeing to switch the five nations' to the end of the season to accommodate the British set-up, but the increasing power of clubs in England should be used to sort out a better arrangement here.

Fourteen players who appeared in the French semi-finals were chosen this week for the national World Cup squad of 38. It is sad to see the omission of that fine scrum-half Pierre Berbizier, although injuries and other considerations still leave the door open for him to return by the deadline.

I played against Berbizier three times. He was so good that on each occasion England targeted him as a player to concentrate on and so upset the whole rhythm of the French side. Then, a couple of years ago, he was dropped to make way for Sanz. When that did not work out, the French brought him back but he was not the same force. The French have certainly gone for a youthful team with plenty of aggressive forwards, so they will be in a position to play an expansive or a forward-orientated game. Another quirk: they have picked four hookers. But then, the French always do things a little differently.



Berbizier: England target

American maverick recovers his appetite for tennis

Agassi overwhelms McEnroe

From ANDREW LONGMORE
TENNIS CORRESPONDENT
PARIS

ANDRE Agassi's path to the last 16 of the French Open has passed through terrain very similar to that of 12 months ago. Having survived a tough first-round match when he was groping for some semblance of form, the No. 4 seed has rediscovered the pace and the zing that have been strangely absent from his game for much of the year.

Last year, on his way to the final, Agassi followed a staccato opening with two straight-set victories and yesterday's 6-2, 6-2, 6-0, win over Patrick McEnroe was even more straightforward.

"I am hitting the ball better than any time in my career," he said. "This is probably the best tennis I have ever played. I just hope I haven't peaked too early."

By winning the ATP tour championships in Frankfurt last November – the last time he played properly – he proved beyond doubt that he has the power to beat the best on faster surfaces – and the speed of the courts at Roland Garros after a long dry spell, which is said to suit such as Edberg and Becker, is also working in his favour. But, most important, he has fallen back in love with the game.

Just in the nick of time. Agassi exposed the younger McEnroe's limitations far more ruthlessly than Becker had earlier in the year in the semi-final of the Australian Open. Though he has not yet been tested by a true claycourt player at the height of his game, there is a feeling that Agassi is running into a patch of form as vividly purple as his new outfit. "I sure hope that is the best he can play," McEnroe said. "The question now is whether he is mentally strong enough to win the tournament."

Despite the early departures of Sampras and Ivanisevic, neither a huge surprise, the men's singles is developing into a fascinating meeting of styles. On the one side are the pure claycourt men; on the other the serve-and-volley players; in the middle those like Jakob Hlasek and Guy Forget, who have been brought up on clay without ever quite having the temperament to thrive on it.

Hlasek, in particular, is relishing the fast and dry conditions. "The draw is open for everyone so I have my chances too," he said. "But the key to playing serve and volley on clay is that you have to mix it up, putting more spin on the ball or hitting to a different side the whole time."

For a player who has reached No. 7 in the world, Hlasek has a very poor record in grand slam tournaments. By beating Tomás Carbonell, of Spain, in four sets to reach the fourth round, he equalled his best result. Likewise Forget, who also took four sets to dispose of a qualifier, Marcos Ondruska, and who has also not been at his best in grand slams. Against a South African playing his first grand slam event Forget still managed to lose a set, a courtesy the Frenchman will have to cut out when the going gets a little tougher next week.

After his traumatic efforts on Wednesday, Boris Becker met Wally Masur, an old foe who had ambushed him in the Australian Open four years ago. Becker, having survived a mugging from Todd Woodbridge, was ready for an Australian revenge and was never in any trouble as he meandered gently to a 6-3, 6-3, 6-2, victory and a fourth round against Francisco Clavet, his second Spaniard of the week.

There was no sign of the thigh injury which had apparently hampered him so badly against Woodbridge or of the strapping which had inspired such a miraculous recovery. There was little need for either as Becker controlled the match from the opening game when he broke Masur's service to the last.

The gap between the top and middle sectors of the women's game was ruthlessly exposed again, Steffi Graf beating the American, Shaun Stafford, 6-1, 6-1, in a regulation 46 minutes. Yawning does not just refer to the huge divide, though Graf, you feel, is getting rather bored with the massacres herself. "If you didn't see anything and I didn't, then I don't think there was anything remarkable about the match. I am trying to go for my shots now. I wasn't doing that a few months ago," she said.



Agonising power: an overhead shot by Graf helps to crush Stafford 6-0, 6-0 in Paris yesterday

RESULTS FROM ROLAND GARROS

MEN'S SINGLES: Second round: A Chesnokov (USSR) bt P Kuhnen (Ger), 4-6, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3, 8-6; A Cherkasov (USSR) bt P Cash (Aus), 6-7, 6-1, 6-3, 3-6, 7-5; T Champion (Fr) bt P Sampras (US), 6-3, 6-1, 6-1, F Davin (Arg) bt M Jaite (Arg), 6-4, 6-3, 6-2.

Third round: A Agassi (US) bt P McEnroe (US), 6-2, 6-2, 6-0; J Hlasek (Switz) bt T Carbonell (Sp), 7-6, 4-6, 6-4, 6-3; G Forget (Fr) bt M Ondruska (SA), 6-1, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3; F Clavet (Sp) bt O Delaitre (Fr), 4-6, 6-2, 6-3, 6-4; B Becker (Ger) bt W Masur (Aus), 6-3, 6-3, 6-2, A Mancini (Arg) bt M Gustafsson (Swe), 6-3, 3-6, 6-2, 6-3, C Minkussi (Arg) bt O Camporese (It), 2-6, 6-3, 6-1, 6-3.

MEN'S DOUBLES: First round: D Cahill and M Kratzmann (Aus) bt B Dyke (Aus) and P Lundgren (Swe), 6-4, 7-5; G Ivanisevic (Yug) and P Korda (Cz) bt J-P Fleurian (Fr) and M Rosset (Switz), 7-6, 6-7, 6-4; R Reneberg and D Wheaton (US) bt N Kulti and M Larsson (Swe), 7-6, 3-6, 6-3.

Second round: T Woodbridge and M Woodforde (Aus) bt G Luza (Arg) and C Motta (Br), 6-1, 6-4; G Connell and G Michibata (Can) bt G Bloom (Isr) and P Wekesa (Ken), 6-4, 6-4; J Frana (Arg) and L Lavalle (Mex) bt K Flach (US) and R Seguso (US), 5-7, 6-3, 7-5, R Leach (US) and J Pugh (US) bt J Bates and N Brown (GB), 6-7, 7-5, 6-3; T Nijssen (Neth) and C Suk (Cz) bt Cahill and Kratzmann, 6-4, 6-4; J Eltingh (Neth) and L Pimek (Bel) bt H J Davids and J Siemerink (Neth), 6-2, 6-1; P Haarhuis (Neth) and M Koevermans (Neth) bt Reneberg and Wheaton, 7-5, 4-6, 6-3; J Fitzgerald (Aus) and A Jarryd (Swe) bt D Engel and O Jonsson (Swe), 7-5, 6-3; U Riglewski and M Stich (Ger) bt A Boetsch and T Champion (Fr), 6-4, 6-4; G Muller (US) and D Visser (SA) bt N Borwick and S Youl (Aus), 7-6, 6-3; L Jensen (US) and L Warder (Aus) bt C Beckman and S Melville (US), 2-6, 6-3, 9-7, R Krajicek and M Schapers (Neth) bt Ivanisevic and Korda, 4-6, 7-5, 6-2.

WOMEN'S SINGLES: Third round: S Graf (Ger) bt S Stafford (US), 6-0, 6-1; A Sánchez Vicario (Sp) bt B Fulco (Arg), 6-1, 6-1, N Sawamatsu (Japan) bt D Graham (US), 5-7, 6-2, 6-4, N Tauziat (Fr) bt N Jagerman (Fr), 6-4, 6-0, M J Fernandez (US) bt P Thoren (Fin), 6-4, 6-3; T Whitlinger (US) bt A Grossman (US), 7-6, 6-4, S Appelmans (Bel) bt R Rajchrtova (Cz), 6-2, 6-0; E Reinach (SA) bt K Maleeva (Bul), 6-4, 6-4.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES: First round: M Maleeva-Fragniere and M Strebel (Switz) bt C Cawley-Zeise (Switz) and N Herreman (Fr), 2-6, 6-2, 6-4; G Fernandez (US) and J Novotna (Cz) bt C Bakkum and N Jagerman (Neth), 6-3, 6-3; S Collins (US) and M Pierce (Fr) bt E Pfaff (Ger) and R Stubbs (Aus), 4-6, 6-1, 6-4.

Second round: K Adams (US) and M Bollegraf (Neth) bt Y Basuki (Indo) and J Fuchs (US), 6-4, 6-2; T Morton (Aus) and C Wood (GB) bt N Provis (Aus) and E Smylie (Aus), 6-3, 7-5, M Paz and G Sabatini (Arg) bt A Dechaume (Fr) and F Labat (Arg), 6-2, 6-3; K Jordan and M McGrath (US) bt M Maleeva and M Strebel (Switz), 6-1, 6-3, E Burgin and P Fendick (US) bt L Novello (Mex) and B Somerville (US), 6-2, 3-6, 6-4.

MIXED DOUBLES: First round: S Rehe and P Annacone (US) bt R Stubbs and J Stoltenberg (Aus), 1-6, 6-3, 9-7; G Helgeson (US) and G Michibata (Can) bt A Simadova and D Vacek (Cz), 6-3, 6-0, N Housset and R Gilbert (Fr) bt D Graham and J Grabb (US), 6-4, 7-5; E Pfaff (Ger) and N Pereira (Ven) bt N Van Lottum and S Soulis (Fr), 6-2, 6-4, S Stafford and J Bates (US) bt R McQuillan (Aus) and G Bloom (Isr), 7-6, 7-6, C Schneider (Ger) and S Salumaa (US) bt F Labat (Arg) and S Palmdige (US), 6-2, 6-3; I Demongeot (Fr) and P Norval (SA) bt M Bollegraf and T Nijssen (Neth), 6-4, 6-2, T Morton and D Macpherson (Aus) bt M Paz and J Frana (Arg), 6-3, 7-5, A Temesvari (Hun) and G Luza (Arg) bt C Chabalgony and C Motta (Br), 6-3, 6-3.

RUGBY UNION

Hard task facing Toulouse

IN FRANCE they are calling tonight's club championship final at the Parcs des Princes the meeting of fire with iron (David Hands writes). Toulouse, the 1989 champions, provide the youthful flames, Begles-Bordeaux the hard-edged forwards.

All season Begles have been regarded as the coming team and it was no surprise to see four of their forwards named in the preliminary World Cup squad earlier this week.

It is worth remembering, though, that Begles is the club of Jean Trillo, whose coaching has revived the lost art of French back play. Toulouse, for their part, in pursuing their eleventh championship, will wish to pay tribute to their departing mentor, Pierre Villepreux, who has agreed to coach Treviso in Italy next season.

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BOXING

Cook's uppercut a punch to fear

By SRIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT

AFTER all the talk last week about the exciting young world prospect, Colin McMillan, the new British featherweight champion from Barking, James Cook, of Peckham, sets out tonight to show that the "oldies" can give boxing followers something to shout about as well.

Cook, who at the age of 32, turned into a world title contender by knocking out Sam Storey, from the Belfast stable of B. J. Eastwood, defends his European title against Mark Kaylor, another veteran, at Bethnal Green. In the nine years of his career, Cook promised much but every time he tried to rise above area level he was slapped down – first by Jimmy Price (two rounds), then Tony Burke (two rounds), Jan Lefeber, of The Netherlands (three rounds), and finally, Herol Graham (five rounds).

But after changing managers following the defeat by Graham he surprised everyone by lifting Storey's British title. He then proceeded to upset the French by taking the European championship by stopping the fast Frank Winterstein in Paris.

Kaylor, who has had 47 bouts with only six defeats, has other ideas. For after moving up from middleweight and trying his hand at light-heavyweight, where he was knocked out by Tom Collins in nine, he thinks super-middleweight might suit him better.

It is an interesting match. Cook, beaten eight times in 24 bouts, has found a new edge and Kaylor, though not as sharp as he used to be, is a determined competitor.

Kaylor has boxed only four times since the defeat by Collins in 1988, his last outing being a challenge for the European super-middleweight title against Mauro Galvano, of Italy.

Cook used to be paid by Kaylor to be a sparring partner but Kaylor will not know anything about Cook's new punch, the right uppercut, the one that destroyed Storey and Winterstein and could abruptly end the West Ham man's challenge as well.

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York) Inter County: Essex v Nottingham re (at Aldershaw), Northamptonshire v orcestershire (at British Timken), Wiltshire v tgomeryshire (at Devizes).

OTHER SPORT

ADEING: Premier division slalom (Bala, h Wales)

CYCLING: Milk Race (Northampton to Leicester).
EQUESTRIANISM: Dubai Nations Cup (Hickstead)
GOLF: Dunhill British Masters (Woburn); Bar Golfing Society annual tournament (Sandwich); St Andrews Links Trophy (St Andrews).
MOTORCYCLING: TT Races (Isle of Man)
POLO: BMW Prince of Wales Trophy (RCBPC Winkfield), Queen's Cup (Guards, Windsor), Dollar Cup (Cowdray Park), Assam Cup (Rutland Polo Club, St Easton)
ROWING: Notts International (Holme Pierrepont).

Tomorrow

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CHESTERFIELD: Derbyshire v Yorkshire.

PONTYPRIDD: Glamorgan v Essex
OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Sussex
SOUTHGATE: Middlesex v Kent.
NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v Hampshire
EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Somerset
WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Surrey

MINOR COUNTIES HOLT CUP: Bishop's Stortford: Hertfordshire v Buckinghamshire Leys School: Cambridgeshire v Norfolk Exmouth: Devon v Wiltshire Sherborne School: Dorset v Cornwall. Walsall: Staffordshire v Oxfordshire Perkins, Shrewsbury: Shropshire v Wales Gateshead Fell: Durham v Northumberland Stalybridge: Cheshire v Cumberland

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AMERICAN FOOTBALL

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After the junior game, a national league fixture will take place, with the North London Lions playing the Thames Valley Magpies

EVENT DETAILS: The venue for the event is Hendon Rugby Club at the Copthall playing fields, Great North Way, north London. Parking is available, and the ground is within walking distance of the tube stations at Mill Hill East and Hendon Central, both on the Northern Line. The day starts with lunch and drinks at 12.30, with the coaching at 1.0 and the games at 2.0 and 2.30.

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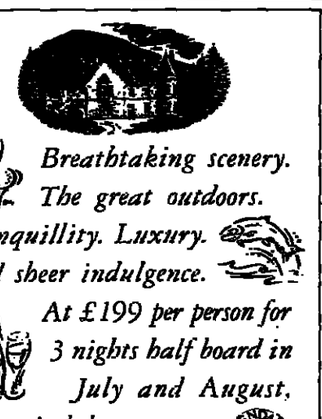
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A sport with all the ingredients to be a bestseller

Laura Thompson

One of the boys with whom I attended university acquired fame after his departure because of the amount of money that he earned in merchant banking. Every time that I asked after him, his alleged annual salary had increased by £10,000. Recently, I met one of his friends and enquired about the banker's well-being.

"He's hart his beck," said the friend in his gouty old voice. "Oh, I'm sorry," I said, translating. "How did he do that?" "Well, quite frankly," he said wearily, "he's arning so much money thet he dozen know what to do with it all. The only thing that he could think orv was to take up polo. Thet's how he hart his beck, falling orv a pony."

I asked Major Ron Ferguson, a leading figure in polo circles, if having more money than you know what to do with was the easiest way of getting into the sport. "No, you don't *need* to be rich," he barked, stripping off his umpire's shirt and glaring at my shoes. "Well, you *can* be rich. Look, in these two teams we have two patrons and six professional players, and the professionals are *employed* by the patrons." In other words, you do not have to be rich, but if you are not rich you have to be talented enough to catch the eye of somebody who is rich enough for both of you.

As Lorenzo de Medici was to Michelangelo, so Kerry Packer is to Alfonso and Gonzalo Pieres. He makes possible what they do best — polo — by paying them a considerable wage, making sure that they have decent ponies and housing them on his team. If the patron wants his team to be the best then he really should have South Americans on it: despite the fact that, if Jilly Cooper's latest book, *Polo*, is to be believed, a consequence of their jet-black and nut-brown presence is that the patron may no longer be able to call his wife his own. But then, if Cooper is to be heeded, the polo-player cannot call his wife his own, either, any more than the patron's wife can call her husband her own.

In fact, if *Polo* is to be believed, then the world of the sport exists at the point of intersection between *The Tatler* and *La Ronde*. The English players are as beautiful and well-bred as their horses, although the horses are far less animalistic. None of the Argentinians looks like Claudio Garcia, the footballer (a squat, melting-featured Barry Manilow). No, everyone is the most handsome man that anyone has seen and everyone's wife is the most exquisitely beautiful woman that anyone has seen and they all change ponies after each chukka.

Yes, in making polo a metaphor for sex, Cooper has done one of the best publicity jobs ever. People will flock to the sport expecting sex, class, money and animals: a garden party thrown jointly by the Queen and the Emperor Caligula. Yet the innuendo inherent in polo reminds me of nothing so much as the great British sit-com. Think of the jokes it would find in "stick and balling". Imagine *Carry On Chukking*, starring Jim Dale as Alfonso Pieres, Terry Scott as Kerry Packer, Barbara Windsor as Babs the stable-hand and Bernard Bresslaw as Major Ron Ferguson. Jilly does know about polo but, in a way, it is just as irrelevant to her as it would be to the Carry On team. It is the hapless seed from which she has grown the best-selling perennials of sex, class, money and animals.

'People expect sex, class, money and animals: a garden party thrown jointly by the Queen and Emperor Caligula'

Her book is a child's paint-box caricature of an image of polo that is in itself a distortion: the image as propagated by, say, *The Tatler*, of impeccable Englishness slightly roughened by earthier cosmopolitanism, of white lawn and opaque designer sunglasses, of the rich smell of leather, of breeding and/or wealth and/or glamour. *The Tatler* concerns itself with placing a distance between its subject matter and most of its readers — a distance in which panic at one's own social inadequacy can flourish — and to see polo through its eyes would be to see a seemingly untouchable world.

The snobbishness that I always scent around horses was detectable at the Royal Berkshire Polo Club earlier this week (as always, I wondered why); but what I saw, without benefit of Cooper or *Tatler*, were some girls of the type who drape themselves around the pits on the motor racing circuit, some long dark men in boots, who would look at nobody, and some types in farmer's caps enjoying an outdoor equine pursuit.

No doubt, if one penetrated the social circle one would find some factual basis for the image; but what I saw was the English at play in a game made thrilling by the presence of superior foreigners and made possible by the patronage of a handful of besotted rich men. A terrific game, incidentally, rather more interesting than its trappings. Nevertheless, its promoters are doubtless delighted that commentators find it easier to analyse the myth than the sport.

Pat Eddery, the jockey with the Midas touch, reveals the recipe for success in Wednesday's Derby

How to turn horses into gold

Corrupt would be Pat Eddery's choice in next Wednesday's Ever Ready Derby if the champion jockey were to be given the option of mounts outside Toulon.

"He's a good little horse. He went around Lingfield very easily. Cash Asmussen hit the front a furlong and a half out. The horse just strode away and won really easily. He'll act on the track and if the ground is fast, he'll love it. He stays well and he quickens up. He is the one I'd want to ride, if I wasn't on Toulon."

The 39-year-old is an alchemist in the saddle. In his hands, the ancient craft of jockeyship is transformed into a form of art. Recognising the Irishman's magic touch, Andre Fabre, Toulon's articulate and highly intelligent French trainer, says: "He is one of the few jockeys that can add something to a horse and that can reveal that horse to itself. Lester Piggott and Yves Saint-Martin also had this rare gift of being able to help a horse to realise its full potential."

With a record second only to that of Piggott round the world-famous switchback circuit, Eddery has three winsto his credit in our premier classic. He has won the race on Grundy, Golden Fleece and Quest For Fame. In 19 uninterrupted appearances, he has also finished second twice, third four times and fourth on another two occasions.

Foreigners often wonder why our most significant test for three-year-olds is run in such crazy surroundings and on such an alarmingly hilly track.

However, recognising the Derby's continuing pre-eminence as a unique test of thoroughbred excellence, Eddery says: "It finds out the good horses and reveals the limitations of the bad. The winner has got to be able to gallop up and downhill, go left-handed and handle the camber. If he can conquer all that, he's a very special horse."

So often the eventual winner of the Derby can be pinpointed at an early stage of the race, so easily is that colt moving within himself. "Travelling" is the code word used by the professionals to describe this enviable situation.

Whether a rider's wildest dreams are likely to be realised, or whether he will find himself in the middle of a particularly unpleasant nightmare — as did Greville Starkey on Dancing Brave in 1986 — is usually revealed in the first six furlongs, with its rise of about 150 feet in varying gradients.

"You've got to go for position from the start," explains Eddery. "You've got to keep a good lookout because there are so many bad horses around. It's the same as the rest of the race. If you are on a horse that's travelling well, you don't have to worry about a thing, because he'll take you wherever you want to go. But if you're off the bridle, you're in trouble. You can't do anything about it."

Last June, as Eddery once again justified his princely retainer for Khaled Abdulla when giving the Saudi Arabian potentate his second Derby win in four days (following Sanglamore's French Derby success), on the home-bred Quest For Fame, the rider unexpectedly found himself to be free-wheeling for most of the mile-and-a-half journey on Roger Charlton's inexperienced but talented three-year-old.

"He was always cruising, he was travelling so easy for such a big horse. I was confident I'd win from a long way out."

Similarly Grundy, the flaxen-tailed chestnut, whom the young jockey rode to a famous first Derby win for himself and Peter Walwyn in 1975. "He took me round Epsom as well as any horse possibly could. He was able to take the gaps I wanted and picked up really well."

Next Wednesday, although Fabre has expressed reservations about Toulon's possible ranking at a top-class Derby candidate, it was precisely the same qualities of manoeuvrability and ease of movement shown by the French colt when handling Chester's tight turns that so impressed not only Eddery but also the punters, who made the horse ante-post favourite for the Derby.

JULIAN HERBERT



Pat Eddery in reflective mood as he weighs up his prospects of achieving a fourth Derby triumph with Andre Fabre's Toulon at Epsom on Wednesday

"He travelled well and quickened up in good style. He can act on good ground and also when it's a bit soft. But I'd be worried if it's firm, as those conditions don't usually suit French horses."

Apart from Toulon and Corrupt, Environment Friend, Mystiko and Hector Protector make up the jockey's short-list of five against the field. "Environment Friend is said to have worked badly on Wednesday. But he beat Hailsham by five lengths at York and there's no way that the Italian Derby winner is going to reverse the placings at Epsom."

Eddery reluctantly discards the English and French 2,000 Guineas winners, Mystiko and Hector Protector, on the grounds of possible stamina limitations.

"Our 2,000 Guineas form has been devalued and I don't see Mystiko staying. He's suddenly gone from being a horse that pulls hard and is difficult to settle over a mile, to being one that's going to win over a mile and a half. Although Hector Protector is a multiple group one winner, I can't see a colt by Woodman getting the trip."

The jockey's all-time great among his Derby winners is the ill-fated Golden Fleece. In 1982, Robert Sangster's Nijinsky colt showed one of the most electrifying bursts of speed ever seen at Epsom when coming from an impossible position off Tattenham Corner to beat Touching Wood by two lengths.

"He was such a difficult horse to hold. But, for some reason, when he came out of the stalls that day he switched off. When I turned into the straight I only had one behind me. But when I pulled him out and first kicked him, he made up six lengths unbelievably quickly. He was easily the best of my three Derby winners."

The memory of El Gran Senor's short-head defeat by Secreto in 1984 still rankles as much with Eddery as it does with Vincent O'Brien's brilliant Northern Dancer colt's band of loyal supporters. It all went wrong. "The leaders died on me and the horse did nothing wrong after he hit the front. At the Curragh, which is a far easier track, I was able to produce him in the last 50 yards to beat Rainbow Quest. But I still don't think he really got a stiff mile and a half."

History tells us that, with the certain exception of Dancing Brave and possibly also El Gran Senor, the Derby, in living memory, has always been won by the best horse.

Summing up the appeal of Britain's most important horse race, Eddery concluded: "It's never a bad race. How can it be? The Derby is still the one race that every jockey wants to win. It's unique, it's the race that's going to produce the good three-year-olds.

The ones that are going to beat the older horses in races like the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes. And if they've won the Derby well, they generally do."

Pistolet Bleu can give Wildenstein Jockey-Club win

FROM OUR FRENCH RACING CORRESPONDENT, PARIS

PISTOLET Bleu is strongly fancied to give his owner, Daniel Wildenstein, his first Derby triumph by winning the £254,582 Prix du Jockey-Club Lancia at Chantilly tomorrow.

The unbeaten son of Top Ville, who won this race in 1979, is bred to be a Derby winner and has raced like a Derby winner on each of his five outings to date.

Pistolet Bleu, one of France's leading juveniles last season, has only been asked to race twice this season. His most recent success, in the 12-furlong Prix Hocquart, was achieved in effortless style.

His regular jockey, Dominique Boeuf, wanted to teach his mount, whose previous victories had been bloodless, a lesson and waited until the distance before asking him to quicken through horses.

The colt responded immediately and showed the impressive turn of foot that marks an outstanding middle-distance performer.

Pistolet Bleu, however, will have to be just that tomorrow, for among his eight opponents are two other talented colts, Suave Dancer and Cudas.

Suave Dancer, trained by the English-born John Hammond, was hailed as the new Sea Bird II after a breathtaking victory in the Prix Greffulhe at Longchamp in April.

But his tall reputation was tarnished somewhat when Suave Dancer was beaten three-quarters of a length by Cudas in the Prix Lupin, traditionally the premier trial for the Jockey-Club.

Cash Asmussen blames himself for that defeat and it is true that the Texan rode one of his rare poor races. But Cudas, who will again be ridden by Freddie Head, was not fully fit on that occasion and it is by no means certain that Suave Dancer can reverse those placings.

Those three have the race between them and have scared off most opponents. But nothing scares Clive Brittain and the Newmarket trainer has made the bold decision to supplement Lady Beaverbrook's Luchiroverte at a cost of £20,367.

Fortune favours the brave but the sole British runner, who will be ridden by Michael Roberts, looks outclassed by the home team.

But the British can take the day's supporting race, the £50,916 Prix d'Ispahan, in which Paul Cole's Zoman (Willie Carson) looks the pick of the seven runners.

Khaled Abdullah's Sanglamore (Pat Eddery) runs his first race since his Jockey-Club triumph last season and the British contingent is completed by Sikeston (Roberts) and Candy Glen.

Greaves first woman to ride out her claim

ALEX Greaves has become the first woman Flat jockey to ride out her claim.

A double at Hamilton Park yesterday took Greaves onto the 75-winner mark — the figure at which apprentices no longer claim a weight allowance

The successes came on Love Jazz in the Brandon Maiden Stakes and on Mac Kelty in the Birkenshaw Handicap, both saddled by the Thirsk trainer David Barron.

Greaves, aged 23, shelved a career in hotel management to embark on an apprenticeship with Barron two years ago.

Her first victory came on Andrew's First at Southwell in December 1989 and much of her early success was associated with the Midlands all-weather track.

She has since shown herself to be just as effective on turf and in March won the Lincoln Handicap at Doncaster on Amenable.

Nice earner for Cole

THE scriptwriters of the television programme *Minder* could not have dreamed up the scenario at Nottingham yesterday, which saw Lester Piggott in the winner's enclosure with the character Arthur Daley.

Piggott, who officially retired from the saddle at the track in October 1985, made a fairytale return to Colwick Park aboard Huso, owned by the star of the series, George Cole.

"It was very exciting having Lester ride for me and even meeting him was special," said the actor.

Piggott linked with Hokusai

LESTER Piggott looks to have secured a ride in the Derby and will probably partner Hokusai in the Epsom classic on Wednesday.

Having been linked with a number of horses, it now appears that the 11-times champion will after all be taking part in the 212th running of the race.

Hokusai, owned by Piggott's long-standing friend Charles St George, had been considered a doubtful starter. But the owner's wife, Christine, said yesterday: "I understand that Hokusai is running and Lester Piggott will be riding."

Charles St George could not be contacted to confirm the booking and the news did seem to take the jockey by surprise. "You'd better check with Mr St George because he hasn't told me yet. I didn't know anything about it. But I don't know what else I could ride unless you can think of something. I think Hokusai would have a good chance and will get the trip."

Hokusai is rated only a 66-1 chance by William Hill, but those odds are certain to tumble if Piggott, traditionally the housewives' choice, does take part.

Efforts to find a likely mount for Piggott had been floundering. His name was linked with a number of contenders, but the jockey's record of nine Derby victories seems to have counted for little in the era of the retained jockey.

Most of the key rides had been finalised some time ago and Piggott had resigned himself to probably having to give the race a miss.

Piggott, aged 55, rode Hokusai to finish third behind Marju in the Craven Stakes at Newmarket and deserted the colt in the 2,000 Guineas to partner Bog Trotter.

Hokusai finished eighth in the Newmarket classic, but was tried out over a longer trip at Longchamp over the weekend where, ridden by Cash Asmussen, he was a running-on fourth in the nine-furlong Prix Jean Prat.

If Hokusai is booked for Piggott, last successful at Epsom on Teenoso in 1983, the field for the Derby is almost complete.

A total of 13 colts were confirmed at the five-day entry stage yesterday, of which only Marju is not yet a definite runner. Connections will finalise their plans this weekend.

Arokat, trained by Barry Hills, will run as a pacemaker for the main French hope, Toulon. Both are owned by Khaled Abdulla, but a jockey has still to be booked for the former.

Toulon and the other French runner, Hector Protector, are expected at Epsom tomorrow evening and will gallop at the course early Tuesday morning.

With the betting market now settled, the only significant move yesterday concerned Paul Kelleway's Hundra, whose odds were cut from 50-1 to 33-1 by Corals.

Hern injured

Dick Hern broke an ankle in a fall at his home at Kingwood Stables, Lambourn on Thursday evening and was admitted to Oxford Orthopaedic Hospital yesterday.

POLO

Knepptunes earn a place in final

By JOHN WATSON

KIM Richardson's Knepptunes secured their place in the final of Cowdray Park's Dollar Cup with a 6-5½ win over Kuldip Dhillon's Fatnam Outlandos (received ½) at Ambersham, Sussex, yesterday.

Fatnam led from early in the first chukka until the last 30 seconds of the match and were careless not to win it. They are centred on an American, Tommy Biddle, who, having achieved a six-goal handicap aged 21, is on vacation from university in Florida. He was formidably mounted and it was Knepptunes' failure to mark this prodigy that gave Fatnam the upper hand. Biddle is a master, too, of the long, lofted shot, and, before treading-in time, had achieved four well-struck penalty conversions.

Knepptunes, power-based on Alex Parrott, of New Zealand, and the Kirtlington player, Martin Fewster, fought back in the third chukka when another goal from Parrott reduced the difference to 5½-3. It appeared, in the last chukka, as though Fatnam took things too easy. A goal from Richardson and two from Parrott then gave Knepptunes victory. The final, between Hotel Design and Knepptunes, will be on the Lawns Ground at Cowdray Park tomorrow afternoon.

In the high-goal tournament for the Dunhill Queen's Cup-Dovidoff Prince of Wales Trophy, Ellerston White lead league one, Tramontana have moved to the top of league two and Sladmore remain at the head of league three.

KNEPPTUNES: 1, W Hine (3); 2, M Fowster (4); 3, A Parrott (4); back, K Richardson (1). FATNAM OUTLANDOS: 1, A Barlow (0). 2, K Dhillon (2); 3, T Biddle (6); back, C Consag (3).

YACHTING

Pendennis leads final British one-ton trial

By MALCOLM MCKEAG

PORT Pendennis, the Peter de Savary-sponsored boat sailed by Lawrie Smith, took first blood in the final trial for selection for the one-tonner slot in the British team for the Champagne Mumm Admiral's Cup.

Racing in the one-ton division of the Bit Cup at Kiel, Germany, Port Pendennis finished fourth out of 17; more importantly, she finished one minute 30 seconds and two places ahead of Shardana sailed by David Bedford and Peter Jones.

Smith, normally an ace on the starting line, found himself buried at the gun and lost more places shortly afterwards when a jib sheet shackle let go, forcing an unnecessary clearing tack round several sterns. Then Pendennis, covering Shardana, overstood the first windward mark to round in seventh place.

Smith slowly made ground but when the German Admiral's Cup team member ABAP/4 and the United States cup boat Vibes became entangled at the final windward mark, Smith went round the outside to move into fourth.

All the Admiral's Cup one-tonners, with the exception of Japan, are racing at Kiel, providing a useful guide to form. Port Pendennis beat all but Brava of Italy, the winner.

RESULTS: 1, Brava (P Landolt, It, Farr); 2, Saudade (A B Ut, Ger, Judel/Vrolik); 3, Entertainer (T Vallin, Swe, Farr); 4, Port Pendennis (L Smith, GB, Dubois); 5, Corum Diamant (D E Wull, Neth, Judel/Vrolik); 6, ABAP/4 (H Plattner, Ger, Judel/Vrolik). Other British: 7, Shardana (P Jones, GB, Judel/Vrolik).

3.35 PRIX DU JOCKEY-CLUB LANCIA — C4

(Group I: 3-Y-O colts & fillies: £254,568: 1m 4f) (9 runners)

1	24111-5	STEAMER DUCK 21 (S) (M Al-Maktoum) Mme C Head 9-2	G Guignard	9
2	822	LUCHIROVERTE 12 (Lady Beaverbrook) C Brittain (GB) 9-2	M Roberts	5
3	3-112	SUAVE DANCER 21 (S) (H Chalhoub) J Hammond 9-2	C Asmussen	7
4	411-22	SUBOTICA 28 (S) (O Lecerf) A Fabre 9-2	T Jarnet	6
5	521-11	CUDAS 21 (S) (A Paulson) F Boutin 9-2	F Head	8
6	223-314	JUSTICE 19 (G) (A Richards) A Fabre 9-2	S Cauthen	4
7	1-243	BRIGHT GLOW 21 (G) (E Stephenson) M Zilber 9-2	A Lequeux	3
8	111-11	PISTOLET BLEU 28 (G,S) (D Wildenstein) E Lellouche 9-2	D Boeuf	1
9	210-66	SHOTKAR 28 (S) (D Wildenstein) E Lellouche 9-2	C Asbert	2

6-4 Pistolet Bleu, Shotkar (cpld), 7-4 Suave Dancer, 3-1 Cudas, 12-1 Subotica, 16-1 Luchiroverte, 20-1 Bright Glow, 25-1 Steamer Duck, 50-1 Justice.

FORM GUIDE TO THE NINE RUNNERS

LUCHIROVERTE neck 2nd to Man From Eldorado in the listed Predominate Stakes at Goodwood (1m 2f, good to firm). SUAVE DANCER comfortably beat Beau Sultan 4l in group II Prix Greffulhe at Longchamp (1m 2f 110yd, good to soft) on penultimate start with BRIGHT GLOW 3¼l 4th. CUDAS best strong-finishing SUAVE DANCER (same terms) ¾l in group I Prix Lupin at Longchamp (1m 2f 100yd, soft), with BRIGHT GLOW 5l 3rd and STEAMER DUCK 2l 5th; earlier beat Rancher 2l in listed race at Longchamp (1m 2f, good to soft) with SHOTKAR 2l 6th. JUSTICE ½l 4th to Kopelman in listed race at Longchamp (1m 4f, good). PISTOLET BLEU comfortably beat SUBOTICA (same terms) 1½l in group II Prix Hocquart at Longchamp (1m 4f, good to soft), with SHOTKAR 21l 6th.

Selection: SUAVE DANCER

2.05 PRIX D'ISPAHAN (Group I: £50,916: 1m 1f) (7 runners)

1	2/1211-	SANGLAMORE 365 (C,G) (K Abdullah) R Charlton (GB) 4-9-2	Pat Eddery	4
2	20422-3	CANDY GLEN 15 (G,S,F) (A Dobzinski) C Wall (GB) 4-9-2	L Piggott	6
3	131-241	SIKESTON 21 (H) (L Gaus Del Bono) C Brittain (GB) 4-9-2	M Roberts	3
4	12133-2	PRIOLO 15 (G,S) (Eaurie Skymare Farm) F Boutin 4-9-2	C Asmussen	1
5	1513-21	ZOMAN 14 (G,F,S) (F Salman) P Cole (GB) 4-9-2	W Carson	7
6	1216-41	KARTAJANA 36 (G,F) (Aga Khan) A de Royer-Dupre 4-8-13	W Mongil	2
7	34511-1	COLOUR CHART 28 (G,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) A Fabre 4-8-13	S Cauthen	6

5-2 Colour Chart, 3-1 Priolo, 7-2 Zoman, 4-1 Kartajana, 13-2 Sikeston, 7-1 Sanglamore, 12-1 Candy Glen

CHANTILLY LINE UP

GOING: GOOD — DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

DERBY ACCEPTORS

3.45 EVER READY DERBY

(Group I: 3-Y-O colts & fillies: 1m 4f: Guaranteed minimum value £600,000) (13 five-day acceptors)

312-533	AROKAT 12 (G) (K Abdulla) B Hills 9-0		
1425-11	CORRUPT 28 (F,G) (F Kelly) N Callaghan 9-0	C Asmussen	
61-351	ENVIRONMENT FRIEND 21 (F,G) (W Gredley) J Fanshawe 9-0	G Duffield	
23011-4	GENEROUS 32 (F,G) (F Salman) P Cole 9-0	A Munro	
04-4121	HAILSHAM 10 (D,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) C Brittain 9-0	S Cauthen	
1111-11	HECTOR PROTECTOR 31 (G,S) (S Niarchos) F Boutin (Fr) 9-0	F Head	
11-304	HOKUSAI 10 (F,G) (C St George) H Cecil 9-0	—	
4-541	HUNDRA 27 (G) (Y Nasib) P Kelleway 9-0	—	
1-10	MARJU 32 (BF,F) (H Al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 9-0	W Carson	
2311-4	MUJAAZEF 32 (F) (M Al-Maktoum) M Stoute 9-0	W R Swinburn	
213-11	MYSTIKO 32 (F,G) (Lady Beaverbrook) C Brittain 9-0	M Roberts	
132-122	STAR OF GDANSK 18 (S) (H de Kwiatkowski) J Bolger (Ire) 9-0	C Roche	
1-31	TOULON 29 (D,G,S) (K Abdulla) A Fabre (Fr) 9-0	Pat Eddery	

Latest betting (William Hill): 3-1 Mystiko, 7-2 Toulon, 5-1 Corrupt, 9-1 Generous, 10-1 Environment Friend, Hector Protector, 14-1 Marju, 25-1 Hailsham, Mujaazif, Star Of Gdansk, 50-1 Hundra, 66-1 Hokusai, 100-1 Arokat.

(Ladbroke): 3-1 Mystiko, 7-2 Toulon, 9-2 Corrupt, 9-1 Generous, 10-1 Hector Protector, 12-1 Environment Friend, 16-1 Marju, 20-1 Hailsham, 25-1 Mujaazif, Star Of Gdansk, 33-1 Hokusai, 50-1 Hundra, 200-1 Arokat.

(Coral): 5-2 Mystiko, 7-2 Toulon, 11-2 Corrupt, 8-1 Generous, Hector Protector, 14-1 Environment Friend, 20-1 Marju, 25-1 Hailsham, Mujaazif, Star Of Gdansk, 40-1 Hundra, 50-1 Hokusai, 100-1 Arokat.

(Tote): 3-1 Mystiko, 7-2 Toulon, 5-1 Corrupt, 8-1 Generous, 10-1 Environment Friend, Hector Protector, 12-1 Marju, 20-1 Hailsham, 25-1 Mujaazif, Star Of Gdansk, 40-1 Hundra, 50-1 Hokusai, 100-1 Arokat.

1990: OUEST FOR FAME 9-0 Pat Eddery (7-1) R Charlton 18 ran

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S MEETINGS

Newcastle

Going: good to firm

2.15 (7f) 1, Snaadee (Pat Eddery, 1-8 fav); 2, Canaan Valley (11-2), 3, Grey Area (33-1). 5 ran. 7l, nk, M Stoute. Tote £1.20; £1.10, £1.20. DF: £1.40. CSF: £1.64. 1min 27.05sec.

2.45 (8f) 1, Prohibition (J Carroll, 11-8 fav); 2, Asal Azal (2-1); 3, Gentle Hero (7-2). 6 ran. Sh hd, 7l. J Berry. Tote: £2.10; £1.20, £1.20. DF: £1.80. CSF: £4.32. 1min 14.88sec.

3.15 (5f) 1, Food Of Love (J Carroll, 100-30), 2, Haky (13-2); 3, She's Smart (100-30). Futuh 15-8 fav. 6 ran. Hd, sh hd. J Berry. Tote: £5.00; £3.10, £5.00. DF: £18.70. CSF: £20.98. 1min 00.39sec.

3.45 (5f) 1, Diamond Mine (K Darley, 6-4 fav; Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Computer Kid (4-1); 3, Toms Verdict (7-4). 4 ran. 2½l, 7l. J Berry. Tote: £2.10. DF: £4.40. CSF: £8.74. 1min 00.53sec.

4.15 (2m) 1, Rajanpour (G Bardwell, 8-1); 2, Silk Degrees (11-1); 3, Bean Boy (17-2). Circuit King 9-4 fav. 10 ran. 8l, 1½l. R Curtis. Tote: £7.10; £1.50, £4.20, £1.30. DF: £55.30. CSF: £62.43. Tricast: £351.32. 3min 33.40sec.

4.45 (1m 2f 32yd) 1, Every One A Gem (G Carter, 5-4 fav; Michael Seely's nap); 2, Tell No Lies (8-1); 3, Carefree Times (7-2). 6 ran. Nk, 5l. M Ryan. Tote: £2.30; £1.70, £1.70. DF: £3.70. CSF: £10.32. 2min 12.25sec.

Placepot: £28.10

Hamilton

Going: good to firm

2.15 (5f) 1, Pesadena Pet (G Duffield, 1-3 fav), 2, Prince Belfort (12-1), 3, Revel (4-1). 5 ran. 2l, 5l. J Fanshawe. Tote: £1.50; £1.10, £4.50. DF: £3.70. CSF: £5.39.

2.45 (6f) 1, Love Jazz (Alex Greaves, 11-10 fav), 2, Sport of Fools (33-1); 3, Toshiba Comet Star (4-1). 4 ran. 3½l, ½l. T Barron. Tote: £2.10. DF: £7.50. CSF: £14.49.

3.15 (6f) 1, Toshiba Comet (D Nicholls, 12-1); 2, Filicaia (10-1), 3, Darussalam (10-1). Samsolom 7-2 fav. 10 ran. 1½l, hd. W Pearce. Tote: £20.60; £3.70, £4.00, £2.30. DF: £141.20. CSF: £111.29. Tricast: £128.35.

3.45 (1m 1f) 1, Reine De Thebes (N Day, 9-4 fav), 2, Sooty Tern (10-1), 3, Srivijaya (3-1). 9 ran. 2l, ½l. M Tompkins. Tote: £4.90; £1.90, £2.10, £1.30. DF: £9.00. CSF: £22.79.

4.15 (1m 40yd) 1, Mac Kelly (Alex Greaves, 10-1); 2, Shawniga (9-4 fav), 3, Persian Dynasty (4-1). 7 ran. 2½l, 2l. T Barron. Tote: £15.20; £9.60, £1.30. DF: £24.60. CSF: £31.75.

4.45 (1m 5f) 1, Highland Park (A Munro, 4-1), 2, Merchant of Venice (7-2); 3, Al Frolio (11-1). Hydeonus 3-1 fav. 8 ran. 3½l, Sl. Mrs G Reveley. Tote: £4.90; £1.10, £1.10, £3.00. DF: £9.30. CSF: £18.04. Tricast: £130.71. Placepot: £195.50

Nottingham

Going: good to firm

2.00 (1m 2f) 1, Massil Mara (J Weaver, 10-11 fav; Newmarket Correspondent's nap); 2, Mizyan (20-1); 3, Meadwashs (7-1). 10 ran. NR: Wednesdays Auction, Sweet Decree. Nk, 2l. L Cumani. Tote: £1.80; £1.20, £2.40, £2.10. DF: £28.00. CSF: £19.51.

2.30 (5f) 1, Sasparella (L Dettori, 4-5 fav); 2, Red Verona (15-2); 3, Arabellajill (12-1). 7 ran. Sl, ½l. W Jarvis. Tote: £2.20; £1.80, £5.10. DF: £8.90. CSF: £8.90.

3.00 (6f) 1, Ready To Draw (A Proud, 10-1); 2, Orchard Bay (5-1); 3, Strange Knight (5-2 fav). 13 ran. NR: Jestlove, Tudor Gold. 1l, 4l. Ron Thompson. Tote: £19.70; £4.10, £2.20, £1.80. DF: £29.70. CSF: £61.03. No bid.

3.30 (1m 6f) 1, Dodger Dickins (G Husband, 14-1); 2, Glenstal Priory (14-1); 3, Matter of Law (11-1); 4, Safari Keeper (33-1). Nilkiba 1 fav. 18 ran. Nk, 3½l. R Hollinshead. Tote: £11.80; £2.00, £4.70, £1.90, £4.70. DF: £257.30. CSF: £178.87. Tricast: £2,013.15.

4.00 (1m 2f) 1, La Sky (W Ryan, 4-5 fav); 2, Nemi (13-8); 3, Shavona (16-1). 4 ran. ½l, 8l. H Cecil. Tote: £1.70. DF: £1.70. CSF: £2.35.

4.30 (1m 50yd) 1, Huso (L Piggott, 8-1); 2, Keen Vision (4-1 jt-fav), 3, Saltying (6-1); 4, Dust d'Throne (4-1 jt-fav). 18 ran. NR: Cheshire Nell. 2½l, nk. P Haslam. Tote: £10.00; £2.50, £1.30, £2.40, £2.20. DF: £19.60. CSF: £40.80. Tricast: £191.90. Placepot: £125.60

Goodwood

6.30 (1m 4f) 1, Green's Van Goyen (Pat Eddery, 3-1 fav), 2, Bid For Elegance (5-1); 3, Primitive Singer (9-2). 15 ran. Nk, hd. R Akehurst. Tote: £4.40; £1.70, £1.50, £1.80. DF: £5.30.

Stratford

6.30 (2m hdle) 1, Stanway (R Dunwoody, 100-30 fav); 2, Adeline Lynn (20-1); 3, Rag Time Belle (6-1). 4, Gina's Choice (33-1) 18 ran. 2½l, 12l. T Casey. Tote: £4.30; £1.80, £2.20, £1.60, £4.20. DF: £20.30. CSF: £62.31. Tricast: £355.98.

Snaadee gives Royal Ascot pointer

THE patience of Michael Stoute was finally rewarded at Newcastle yesterday, when Snaadee won the USA "Boscawen" Paid 5 Cents Maiden Stakes.

The four-year-old son of Danzig, who cost $750,000 as a yearling, was making a belated course debut because of muscle and back problems.

Pat Eddery, who travelled to Gosforth Park for the one ride before switching to the evening meeting at Goodwood, was always confident on the 6-1 on favourite, waiting until two furlongs out before pushing the colt clear to beat Canaan Valley by seven lengths.

Joe Mercer, racing manager cer for owner Maktoum Al-Maktoum, said: "He has great potential and could go for the Queen Anne Stakes at Royal Ascot, but we will have to see what trainer Michael Stoute says when we get Snaadee home."

Willie Jarvis also had the royal meeting on his mind after Sasparella's decisive victory in the Cinderhill Maiden Stakes at Nottingham. Frankie Dettori was looking around for non-existent dangers before moving up a gear to lead a furlong out and quicken away to beat Red Verona by five lengths.

Sasparella, the 5-4 on favourite, now goes for the Queen Mary Stakes, and Jarvis also plans to run Krius, a winner at York last month, in the Queen's Vase.

Jarvis, who has now won first time with three of the four juveniles he has run, said: "Sasparella has been working well at home and, as the starting price reflected, this was not totally unexpected."

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Speedy Shalford to show the way

SHALFORD, who was withdrawn from a listed sprint at Haydock Park last Saturday because his trainer Richard Hannon was dissatisfied with the state of the ground, can make up for lost time by winning a similar race, the *Daily Mail* Leisure Stakes, at Lingfield this afternoon, and he is my nap.

In the intervening period, his stature has been boosted further by Savoyard winning comfortably at Leicester on Tuesday.

For it was Savoyard that Shalford showed a clean pair of heels to at Newbury 15 days ago when he made that stunning switch to sprinting. Previously, he had run well up in the Greenham Stakes and the 2,000 Guineas before his stamina gave out.

In hindsight, that was predictable because he is by Thatching out of a mare by Ahonoora, sprinters both.

Interestingly, another of today's runners Rami ran identical races to Shalford in the spring of last year in that he too finished tenth in the Guineas after also finishing third in the Greenham.

Rami also won when he reverted to sprinting over today's course and distance before going on to score over seven furlongs at Warwick last autumn and again at Leicester this spring.

As his last race was to have been over a mile (he was a late withdrawal because it was felt that he was not quite right) he clearly gets further.

In the circumstances, I feel that he might not be quite as sharp as Shalford, to whom he must give 5lb more than weight-for-age since he has been penalised for winning a listed race.

MANDARIN

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

Nicholas, who was beaten a neck by Green Line Express in the group three Duke of York Stakes last time out, looks the pick of the remainder since, like Shalford, he too goes unpenalised.

At his best, Prince Hannibal could be fancied to win the *Daily Mail* H H and S Handicap with Willie Carson aboard.

However, as he was such a disappointment at Goodwood last time, I am quite content to give a chance to **Runway Romance**, who seems to have taken on a new lease of life since changing stables to go hurdling with Philip Hobbs, for whom he won three times over timber.

Twelve months ago, the *Daily Mail* Ideal Home Game Handicap was won by Bournville. Well as this David Arbuthnot-trained mare should go again, I just prefer **Duckington**, a rare raider on the Surrey track from Peter Easterby's Yorkshire stable.

Last time out, Duckington failed by the narrowest margin to hold the useful Parliament Piece, having beaten Regent Lad at Beverley the time before.

The two-year-olds that Paul Cole has run this season have all performed well enough to suggest that their stable companion **Fighting Temeraire** can make a winning debut in the EBF *Racemail* Maiden Stakes.

In going for **Aratos** to win the *Daily Mail* Classified Graduation Stakes I am ignoring his latest performance at York where he was tailed off in a valuable handicap. He started joint favourite that day on the strength of an impressive win at Beverley. Clearly something was amiss that day, and I believe that he is entitled to one chance to prove it.

Finally, the curtain will come down on another season of jumping at Market Rasen and Stratford, where the in-form **Warleggan** is taken to win the 32nd running of the *Horse And Hound* Cup for hunter chasers.

LINGFIELD PARK

MANDARIN	THUNDERER	MICHAEL SEELY
2.00 Runway Romance.	2.00 Belmoredean.	2.00 RUNWAY ROMANCE (nap).
2.30 Duckington.	2.30 The Can Can Man.	3.00 Shalford.
3.00 SHALFORD (nap).	3.00 SHALFORD (nap).	
3.30 Fighting Temeraire.	3.30 Power Lake.	
4.00 Aratos.	4.00 Hail And Blest.	
4.30 Libk.	4.30 Rosgill.	
5.00 Subtle Change.	5.00 Subtle Change.	
5.30 Factuelle.	5.30 Sarcita.	

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.00 NICHOLAS (nap). 4.00 Aratos.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 5.00 SUBTLE CHANGE.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: HIGH NUMBERS BEST UP TO 7f 140yd SIS

2.00 DAILY MAIL H H & S HANDICAP (£5,588: 1m 3f 106yd) (6 runners) BBC1

101	(2)	326100-	WAKI GOLD 238 (F) (L Norris) P Kelleway 4-9-13	M Roberts	89
102	(5)	/40220/	BELMOREDEAN 107J (G) (J Hartnett) R O'Sullivan 6-9-10	J Reid	—
103	(4)	100-443	PRINCE HANNIBAL 11 (BF,F) (D Hunnisett) J Dunlop 4-9-4	W Carson	● 99
104	(6)	3/15403-	RUNWAY ROMANCE 15J (F) (J Kendall) P Hobbs 4-9-2	J Williams	86
105	(1)	54-0011	MONARDA 7 (CD,F,G) (F Salman) P Cole 4-8-1	R Price (5)	98
106	(3)	03006-4	CARPET SLIPPERS 11 (F,G) (Mrs G Fane) J Bethell 5-8-7	L Dettori	96

BETTING: 2-1 Monarda, 7-2 Carpet Slippers, 9-2 Prince Hannibal, 6-1 Runway Romance, 7-1 Waki Gold, 8-1 Belmoredean.

1990: TORCELLO 3-9-1 R Cochrane (11-8 fav) G Harwood 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

WAKI GOLD beat Kiau Kali 5l in a maiden at Redcar (1m 1f, firm) in August. BELMOREDEAN, a winning novice hurdler this winter, last ran on the Flat in 1989, off 71b higher mark on penultimate start when ½l 2nd to Osric at Newmarket (1m 4f, good) PRINCE HANNIBAL 8l 3rd to Lift And Load at Goodwood (1m 4f, good to firm), with CARPET SLIPPERS (same terms) 7l 4th. RUNWAY ROMANCE, placed in both the Triumph Hurdle at Cheltenham and the Glenlivet Anniversary Hurdle at Aintree in successful hurdling campaign this winter, and was 1¼l 3rd to Milne's Way on latest start on the Flat at Bath (1m 8yd, hard). MONARDA completed double when beating Mulzenberg a neck at Lingfield (1m 3f 106yd, good to firm). Previously, beat Petavious 2l at Kempton (1m 4f, good to firm).
Selection: MONARDA

2.30 DAILY MAIL IDEAL HOME GAME HANDICAP (£10,598: 7f 140yd) (10 runners) BBC1

201	(1)	1011-05	RASAN 22 (CD,F) (H Al-Maktoum) R Armstrong 4-10-0	W Carson	88
202	(8)	1210-00	PONTENUOVO 24 (D,F) (W Marsh) D Elsworth 5-9-9	J Williams	92
203	(4)	6-00003	MASNUN 9 (C,F,S) (I Page) R O'Sullivan 5-8-13	J Reid	86
204	(5)	0-63312	DUCKINGTON 14 (D,F,G) (Lady Murless) M H Easterby 7-8-11	M Birch	93
205	(9)	10-3161	THE CAN CAN MAN 9 (D,F,G) (A Robinson) M Johnston 4-8-10	R P Elliott	● 98
206	(2)	400-051	CHEVEUX MITCHELL 17 (V,CD,F,G) (Mrs C Wood) M Channon 4-8-3	R Hills	95
207	(7)	000-610	BOURNVILLE 26 (CD,F,G) (Mrs B Lee) D Arbuthnot 5-8-2	M Hills	97
208	(3)	561-60	REED BED 21 (C,G) (C Hamer) R Hannon 3-7-12	A McGlone	94
209	(10)	105300	PYTCHLEY NIGHT 15 (C) (J Higgins) D Morris 4-7-11	B Crossley	95
210	(9)	4000-35	AIN'TLIFELIKETHAT 9 (B,BF,D,F,G,S) (Mrs M Lipman) T Naughton 4-7-7	B Doyle (5)	92

Long handicap: Ain'tlifelikethat 7-2

BETTING: 4-1 The Can Can Man, 9-2 Duckington, 5-1 Cheveux Mitchell, 11-2 Bournville, 7-1 Masnun, 10-1 Pytchley Night, 12-1 Reed Bed, 14-1 Pontenuovo.

1990: BOURNVILLE 4-8-10 M Roberts (5-1) D Arbuthnot 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

RASAN 11l 5th to Regal Sabre over 7f (good) here. PONTENUOVO beaten long way when last of 8 to You Know The Rules at Sandown (1m, good). Best judged on when beating Nayland 2½l at Ascot (7f, good to firm) last season.
DUCKINGTON short-head 2nd to Parliament Piece at Thirsk (7f, good). THE CAN CAN MAN beat Dualliar Dream 3l at Goodwood (7f, good to firm), with MASNUN (8lb better off) ¾l 3rd and AIN'TLIFELIKETHAT (7lb worse off) 3l 5th. CHEVEUX MITCHELL beat Just A Step ½l at Kempton (7f, good to firm), with AIN'TLIFELIKETHAT (2lb worse off) ½l 3rd. BOURNVILLE beat Regent Lad a neck at Beverley (7f 110yd, firm) on penultimate start. REED BED last of 13 to Arturian at Newmarket (8f, good). PYTCHLEY NIGHT best effort this season when 2½l 3rd to Amenable at Lingfield (1m, AW, standard).
Selection: PONTENUOVO

3.00 DAILY MAIL LEISURE STAKES (Listed race: £16,180: 6f) (15 runners) BBC1

301	(12)	30113-1	RAMI 35 (CD,F,G,S) (H Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 4-9-5	W Carson	95
302	(13)	312105-	SHARP N' EARLY 290 (CD,F,S) (A Escudero) J Jenkins 5-8-5	L Dettori	89
303	(10)	4030-60	WHIPPET 16 (B,D,F,G,S) (A Richards) C Austin 7-8-5	J Williams	85
304	(5)	030-502	CENTERLAND 12 (CD,F) (E Fustok) M Moubarak 4-8-0	A Cruz	85
305	(6)	52-3132	NICHOLAS 16 (B,BF,D,F) (H De Kwiatkowski) Mrs L Piggott 5-8-0	L Piggott	● 99
306	(7)	13546-0	KATZAKEENA 30 (D,F) (Miss R Hitt) P Makin 4-8-9	M Roberts	84
307	(15)	84-0321	ARTURIAN 21 (B,D,G) (G Stewart) R Johnson Houghton 3-8-5	A Clark	91
308	(1)	13464-0	BOLD NEPHEW 15 (D,F) (D Thompson) R Hannon 3-8-5	W Swinburn	85
309	(8)	11410-3	JIMMY BARNIE 17 (CD,F,S) (S Cohn) J Dunlop 3-8-5	J Reid	91
310	(9)	212215-	POLISH PATRIOT 240 (D,F) (R Kirstein) G Harwood 3-8-5	R Cochrane	91
311	(4)	23-6301	SHALFORD 15 (D,F,G,S) (D Cock) R Hannon 3-8-5	B Raymond	96
312	(2)	420-040	SYLVAN BREEZE 7 (Mrs R Johnson) P Mitchell 3-8-5	W Newnes	88
313	(3)	10143-3	THE OLD FIRM 12 (G) (T Foremen) N Callaghan 3-8-5	B Rouse	85
314	(11)	2311-11	DOUBLOVA 21 (D,F,G,S) (Moss Side Racing Group) J Berry 3-8-0	R Hills	97
315	(14)	310-435	GABISTI 14 (D,F,G) (B Gubby Ltd) B Gubby 3-8-0	J Quinn	76

BETTING: 5-2 Shalford, 6-1 Rami, 7-1 Nicholas, 8-1 Doublova, 10-1 Jimmy Barnie, 12-1 Arturian, 16-1 Katzakeena, 20-1 Centerland, Bold Nephew, Polish Patriot, The Old Firm.

1990: SHARP N' EARLY 4-9-0 Pat Eddery (4-1) R Hannon 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

RAMI beat Norton Challenger 2l at Leicester (7f, good) SHARP N' EARLY beat Alwa 1½l over course and distance (1m) on best effort last season. CENTERLAND 1sl 2nd to Sterling Saga at Folkestone (6f, firm), with THE OLD FIRM 1sl 3rd
NICHOLAS neck 2nd to Green Line Express in group III Duke Of York Stakes at York (6f, good to firm), with WHIPPET (5lb worse off) 1?l 6th and SYLVAN BREEZE 3rd 9th. ARTURIAN beat Itsagame 1l in a handicap at Newmarket (6f, good)
JIMMY BARNIE 3l 3rd to Modelle D'Or at Kempton (5f, good to firm), and beat Pearl Panther 1¼l in group II Maet & Chandon Rennen at Baden Baden (6f, good to soft) last season. POLISH PATRIOT beat Stone Or Scissors 8l at Folkestone (6f, good to firm) on penultimate start last season.
SHALFORD impressively beat subsequent winner Savoyard 3½l at Newbury (6f, good). Previously, 14l 10th to Mystiko in group I General Accident 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket (1m, good). DOUBLOVA beat Futuh a head at Newmarket (6f, good).
Selection: SHALFORD (nap)

3.30 EBF RACEMAIL MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O colts and geldings: £2,477: 5f) (9 runners)

401	(1)	5	ALBERT THE BOLD 15 (Miss J Semple) S Dow 9-0	L Dettori	84
402	(6)	0	DEEVEE 15 (D Turner) C Benstead 9-0	B Rouse	—
403	(8)		FIGHTING TEMERAIRE (Kennet Valley Thoroughbreds) P Cole 9-0	W Carson	—
404	(7)	0	GROG 19 (Mrs D Hanson) M Channon 9-0	M Wigham	90
405	(3)	23	HEATHER BANK 15 (BF) (Mrs G Harper) J Berry 9-0	L Piggott	● 99
406	(5)		ORTHORHOMBUS (M Thornhill) G Lewis 9-0	Paul Eddery	—
407	(2)		POWER LAKE (A Budge Ltd) R Hannon 9-0	B Raymond	—
408	(4)	0	ROCKERY PARK 12 (Mrs C Wadsworth) J Fitch-Heyes 9-0	T Williams	—
409	(9)		TARG TOWN (Y Akazawa) D Elsworth 9-0	S Cauthen	—

BETTING: 11-4 Power Lake, 4-1 Heather Bank, 5-1 Albert The Bold, 6-1 Fighting Temeraire, Tallil Town, 7-1 Grog, 10-1 Orthorhombus, 20-1 others.

1990: GONE SAVAGE 2-9-0 T Quinn (10-11 fav) P Cole 6 ran

4.00 DAILY MAIL CLASSIFIED GRADUATION STAKES (£4,347: 7f 140yd) (6 runners)

501	(5)	2210-54	NORFOLKIEV 14 (BF,D,G) (E Fustok) M Moubarak 5-10-0	A Cruz	75
502	(3)	155-84	KAYTAK 14 (S) (T Myles & Co Ltd) J Jenkins 4-9-11	S Whitworth	79
503	(1)	4613-42	SUSURRATION 22 (S) (Pin Oak Stable) J Gosden 4-9-5	W R Swinburn	● 99
504	(6)	10	ARATOS 16 (BF,F) (Mrs H Cambiensi) H Cecil 3-9-1	W Ryan	95
505	(2)	41	HAIL AND BLEST 11 (D,G) (Mrs C Heath) L Cumani 3-9-1	L Dettori	82
506	(4)	4-60	GREENDALE 17 (Sheikh Mohammed) C Brittain 3-8-8	M Roberts	85

BETTING: 6-4 Aratos, 9-4 Hail And Blest, 9-2 Susurration, 8-1 Greendale, 16-1 Norfolkiev, Kaytak.

1990: FLAMINGO POND 4-9-6 Pat Eddery (13-8) R Charlton 3 ran

4.30 OCS SPONSORED LADIES RACE (Division I: £2,758: 1m 3f 106yd) (10 runners)

601	(5)	5/50600-	COINAGE 14J (B,F) (R J Houghton) R J Houghton 8-10-8	Eve Johnson Houghton	57
602	(6)	3342-33	ROSGILL 18J (CD,F) (Brigadier Racing) P Mitchell 5-10-8	Maxine Juster	77
603	(2)	0	ROBALTO 40 (Ms J Vermeulen) B Smart 4-10-1	Vicky Marshall (3)	—
604	(9)	5	ROCKY ROMANCE 7 (Mrs S McGarva) R Curtis 4-10-1	Tina Pile	—
605	(3)	6/43-555	THE MINDER 33 (D Wilson) D Wilson 4-10-1	Elaine Bronson	65
606	(4)	00/30-00	MOREIRWEN 8J (Mrs E Williams) J O'Donoghue 4-9-10	Diana Grissell	—
607	(7)	0	SURVIVAL KIT 7 (Miss V Haigh) C Holmes 7-9-10	Victoria Haigh (3)	—
608	(8)	0110-0	LIBK 15 (F) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 3-9-7	Sally Anne Billot	● 99
609	(10)	0000-0	CRASH BANG WALLOP 25 (R Bennett) R Bennett 3-9-0	Claire Entwhistle (3)	—
610	(1)	4000	LETTS GREEN 26 (T Parrett) J Czarpak 3-9-0	Sharon Murgatroyd	—

BETTING: 4-5 Libk, 7-2 Rosgill, 7-1 The Minder, 14-1 Rocky Romance, 20-1 Letts Green, Survival Kit, 25-1 others.

1990: ROSGILL 4-10-1 Miss M Juster (6-1) P Mitchell 15 ran

4.30 OCS SPONSORED LADIES RACE (Division II: £2,758: 1m 3f 106yd) (9 runners)

1	(7)	1533-00	LONGSHOREMAN 28 (D,F) (Mrs S Gilmour) M Bell 4-10-8	Tara Dudley-Smith (3)	71
2	(5)	605-0	DIAMOND BLUE 35 (V) (D Gibbon) Bob Jones 4-10-1	Diana Jane Jones	53
3	(2)	20000-5	SIMPLY DES 3 (F) (B Mitten) J O'Donoghue 4-9-10	Elizabeth Gazzaniga (3)	55
4	(6)	22135-3	SUBTLE CHANGE 21 (F) (F Ellis) G Harwood 3-9-2	Amanda Harwood	● 99
5	(3)	0605	FULLY STRETCHED 7 (Mrs N Lewis) G Lewis 3-9-0	Jackie Muth (3)	51
6	(4)	0	RUN RINGS 30 (Fittocks Stud Ltd) L Cumani 3-9-0	Sara Cumani	82
7	(9)	4	BOOGY LADY 21 (K Mcorcroft) J Pearce 3-8-9	Lydia Pearce	70
8	(1)	000	CAROLE'S GUEST 5 (Mrs C Lewis) C Holmes 3-8-9	Lucy Vollaro (5)	—
9	(8)	0-0004	PERSPECTIVE 12 (M Tompkins) M Tompkins 3-8-9	Sally Smithson (3)	58

BETTING: 2-5 Subtle Change, 6-1 Boogy Lady, 12-1 Simply Des, 16-1 Run Rings, Longshoreman, 20-1 others.

1990: NO CORRESPONDING DIVISION

5.00 OCS SPONSORED LADIES RACE (Division II: £2,758: 1m 3f 106yd) (9 runners)

1	(7)	1533-00	LONGSHOREMAN 28 (D,F) (Mrs S Gilmour) M Bell 4-10-8	Tara Dudley-Smith (3)	71
2	(5)	605-0	DIAMOND BLUE 35 (V) (D Gibbon) Bob Jones 4-10-1	Diana Jane Jones	53
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1990: NO CORRESPONDING DIVISION

5.30 DAILY MAIL CIRCULATION HANDICAP (£3,054: 5f) (8 runners)

1	(1)	2-56300	FLYING PROMISE 33 (R Bennett) R Bennett 3-9-10	J Williams	92
2	(3)	501-044	SARCITA 9 (S) (R Tootin) D Elsworth 3-9-10	S Cauthen	94
3	(5)	5853-	DARK KRISTAL 222 (C Kilroy) R Hannon 3-9-5	W Carson	85
4	(7)	5U6264	FRIMLEY PARKSON 4 (V,D,F,G) (P Terry) P Howling 7-9-4	L Piggott	97
5	(4)	560-002	SWEETINGS PEARL 9 (Sweetings Ltd) M H Easterby 3-9-0	M Birch	89
6	(2)	0000-42	FACTUELLE 14 (D,S) (R Hamer) M Fetherston-Godley 4-9-0	M Roberts	94
7	(8)	0440-02	ORATEL FLYER 14 (V) (P Hughes Construction Ltd) R Thompson 4-8-3	T Williams	● 98
8	(6)	06-0525	ALWAYS READY 14 (B,D,G,S) (G Steinberg) J Berry 5-8-0	A McGlone	94

BETTING: 11-4 Factuelle, 4-1 Sweetings Pearl, 11-2 Frimley Parkson, 7-1 Oratel Flyer, 8-1 Dark Kristal, 10-1 others.

1990: MERTOLA'S PET 4-9-6 W Carson (9-2) L Cottrell 9 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
H Cecil	29	69	42.0	Miss A Harwood	3	8	37.5
M Moubarak	5	14	35.7	L Dettori	24	86	27.9
L Cumani	13	40	32.5	S Cauthen	52	189	27.5
G Harwood	37	136	27.2	W Carson	40	234	17.1
J Gosden	7	28	25.0	R P Elliott	5	30	16.7
N Callaghan	17	68	25.0	M Hills	19	115	16.5

Royal Buskins can reign

By BRIAN BEEL

NENNI, last year's winner, is down to run in the four-mile open at the Exmoor point-to-point today, but I prefer Royal Buskins, who won over this distance at Larkhill three weeks ago.

Carrying 7lb extra, Jonathan Sprake took him clear of the field and had 20 lengths to spare at the post over Dawn Saga, another entry here.

Many of the top horses, including Starember Lad, Radio Cue and Parkbride, have more than one engagement at the meeting and owners are not making firm plans on running until walking the course.

With Chris Nash's two stars Jimster and Ixor roughed off, his wife Pip does not have a booked ride at the meeting. Her rival and leader for the women's title, Alison Dare, has the choice of riding Risk Another, Mendip Express and Fennelly.

In the *Horse And Hound* champion hunter chase final at Stratford today Warleggan may be good enough to win.

Warleggan has not beaten a lot in his two hunter chase wins but, having returned to Gerald Ham after running in a couple of point-to-points, is improving with each race.

Mystic Music's untimely injury last Friday has, however, left the race wide open.

TODAY'S MEETING: Exmoor, Bratton Down, 10 miles north of South Moulton. (first race, 2.30).

STRATFORD

MANDARIN

2.45 Catch The Cross. 3.15 Auntie Dot. 3.45 Ultra Violet. 4.20 Warleggan. 4.50 Blake's Progress. 5.20 Gala's Image. 5.50 Shades Of Peace. 6.20 Ashfield Boy.

THUNDERER

2.45 Iveagh House. 3.15 Golden Freeze. 3.45 Mytiege. 4.20 Fort Hall. 4.50 Carbonate. 5.20 Over And Above. 5.50 Indian Plume. 6.20 Ashfield Boy.

Brian Beel: 4.20 Warleggan.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (WATERED)

2.45 FARRIERS HURDLE (£2,477: 2m 6f) (11 runners)

1		4412	CATCH THE CROSS 7 (V,BF,D,F,G,S) M Pipe 5-11-12	M Foster (5)	—
2		4124	IVEAGH HOUSE 44 (BF,G,S) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-6	M Bowlby	—
3		00B6	ARTFUL ABBOT 14 (F,S) J Webber 7-11-2	H Davies	—
4		11	CASTLE SECRET 12F (D,CD) D Burchell 5-10-12	D J Burchell	—
5		10P0	FERRYSTREAM 15 (B,S) J Baker 5-10-12	S Burrough (5)	—
6		60FF	GENEROUS SCOT 15 A James 7-10-12	E Tierney (7)	—
7		043	JUNIOR 5 R Howells 5-10-12	R Macnaicle (7)	—
8		6224	NORTHERN BARRY 14 (C,F) J McConnochie 7-10-12	J Shortt	—
9		1PP0	TARTAN TAILOR 14 (F,G,S) G Richards 10-10-12	N Doughty	—
10		6P04	THE LIDGATE STAR 14 M Tate 8-10-12	W Marston (7)	—
11		P043	CHASMARELLA 138 (D,F,G) A Dawson 6-10-7	Candy Morris	—

9-4 Catch The Cross, 3-1 Iveagh House, 9-2 Castle Secret, 8-1 Tartan Tailor, 10-1 Northern Barry, 16-1 others.

3.15 GAMBLING PRINCE CHASE (£2,901: 2m 6f) (5)

1		0UP3	SKIPPING TIM 29 (F,G,S) M Pipe 12-11-10	P Scudamore	—
2		233P	TARTAN TRADEMARK 42 (CD,F,G,S) G Richards 9-11-2	N Doughty	—
3		3031	AUNTIE DOT 28 (CD,F,G,S) J Webber 10-11-1	M Lynch	—
4		0002	GOLDEN FREEZE 22 (G,S) Mrs J Pitman 9-10-12	M Bowlby	—
5		0P	GOLDEN GUY 103 R Curtis 7-10-12	D Morris	—

2-1 Auntie Dot, 9-4 Golden Freeze, 7-2 Tartan Trademark, 6-1 Skipping Tim, 50-1 Golden Guy.

3.45 FLAGSTONE HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,460: 3m 2f) (20)

1		1-P2	LATTIN GENERAL 5 (F,G) C Brooks 9-11-10	G Bradley	—
2		0044	ALPHASONIC 4 (B,F,S) K Bailey 7-11-8	M Perrett	—
3		3324	RARE LUCK 16 (BF,F) P Jones 8-11-2	Mrs P Nash (7)	—
4		34P2	ULTRA VIOLET 5 (V,D,F,G) M Pipe 5-11-2	P Scudamore	—
5		62P2	PETTY BRIDGE 5 A James 7-10-12	E Tierney (7)	—
6		0200	FEELING ROSEY 4 (D,G,S) D Todd 9-10-9	A J Quinn	—
7		3353	MYLIEGE 17 (G,S) P Leach 7-10-8	H Davies	—
8		45P2	GRACE MOORE 23 (F) K Bishop 7-10-6	R Greene (5)	—
9		1348	SLIP UP 16 (F) F Gray 11-10-5	M Crosse	—
10		3P-6	COPPER STREAK 18 (G,S) P Jones 9-10-4	M Richards	—
11		5105	PRINCE KLENK 28 (F,G,S) A Dawson 10-10-3	Candy Morris	—
12		1FF6	FINGERS CROSSED 5 (B,F,S) K Morgan 7-10-3	D Bridgwater (5)	—
13		4024	SOLSTICE BELL 28 (B,BF,F) R Voorspuy 8-10-2	A Tory	—
14		2034	MISTS OF TIME 10 (F,G) C Vernon Miller 8-10-2	W Humphreys	—
15		P104	COXANN 15 (C,G,S) J McConnochie 5-10-0	Judy Davies (7)	—
16		0140	FRAMPTON HOUSE 24 (S) M Charles 9-10-0	S Forster (7)	—
17		P-36	RIYADH LIGHTS 14F (F) M Usher 5-10-0	M Bowlby	—
18		0050	GLENSTAL ABBEY 8 (B,F) R Akehurst 5-10-0	G Hewer (7)	—
19		0000	JOHN FEATHER 25 (B,G,S) W Price 12-10-0	P Barnard (3)	—
20		P0P2	ARCTICFLOW 5 (S) N Thomson 5-10-0	J Neaves (7)	—

5-1 Alphasonic, 13-2 Ultra Violet, 7-1 Grace Moore, 8-1 Petty Bridge, 9-1 Rare Luck, 10-1 Feeling Rosey, 12-1 others.

4.20 HORSE AND HOUND CUP (Amateurs: Hunters Chase: £5,735: 3m 2f) (16)

1		FU11	ABBOTSHAM 25 (D,F,G,S) O Carter 6-12-0	Mrs R Vickery	—
2		021P	BUSTED SPRING 28 (BF,F,G) A Millard 10-12-0	C Stockton	—
3		-P32	CURAHEEN BOY 31 (F) D Naylor-Leyland 11-12-0	M Felton	—
4		/12	DENSTONE WANDERER 8 (F) Miss P Sutton 9-12-0	C Coyne	—
5		-2PP	EDENSPRING 31 (CD,F,G,S) C Lumsden 12-12-0	T Jackson	—
6		4P-1	FEDERAL TROOPER 18 (D,F,S) P Bonner 10-12-0	T McCarthy	—
7		41-1	FORT HALL 10 (F) Mrs L Wadham 12-12-0	Miss T Bracegirdle	—
8		-422	GOOD WATERS 10 (G,S) Mrs J Wilson 11-12-0	J Sharp	—
9		-023	JOPAJUSCHA 5 (S) Mrs R Swindells 12-12-0	Miss K Swindells	—
10		-341	QUEENSWAY BOY 28 (D,F,G,S) Miss R Knight 12-12-0	N Bradley	—
11		-324	SHARP JEWEL 10 (F,G,S) W Caudwell 10-12-0	P Caudwell	—
12		PP1F	SKERRY MEADOW 5 (D,F,G) O Carter 7-12-0	I Widdicombe	—
13		3525	SPORTING MARINER 10 (D,G,S) D Bloor 9-12-0	D Bloor	—
14		/3	TIMBER TOOL 65 (BF,S) W Evans 9-12-0	T Rooney	—
15		P-11	WARLEGGAN 10 (D,F,G) G Ham 10-12-0	G Hanmer	—
16		F-	PALMAHALM 451 K Anderson 9-11-9	K Anderson	—

5-1 Warleggan, 11-2 Federal Trooper, 6-1 Timber Tool, Curaheen Boy, 7-1 Abbotsham, 9-1 Fort Hall, 10-1 Good Waters, 12-1 others.

4.50 CHASING PROMOTIONS CLAIMING HURDLE (Div I: £2,102: 2m) (15)

1		0013	BLAKE'S PROGRESS 5 (H,B,D,BF,F) M Pipe 5-11-12	—	—
2		-P43	INTUITION 14 (D,S) R Akehurst 9-11-12	L Harvey	—
3		0	CURSNEH DECONE 21 J Bradley 6-11-3	D Tegg	—
4		134	NORDIC FLASH 19F (D,S) D White 4-11-3	A Carroll	—
5		-234	CARBONATE 144 (D,S) L Codd 6-11-2	R Stronge	—
6		0/0	PROMINENT PRINCESS 4 (S) D O'Neill 11-11-1	V Slattery (7)	—
7		3220	NORQUAY 8F (D,F,G) N Tinkler 5-11-0	G McCourt	—
8		2026	ORDER OF MERIT 5 S Turton 6-11-0	G Upton	—
9		P	HYBORIA 10 D Burchell 5-10-13	D J Burchell	—
10		21R2	FAILAND 5 (D,F) R Brotherton 4-10-10	G Crone (7)	—
11		0002	NORTHERN HALO 22F (D,F) G Ham 10-10-10	B Powell	—
12		6024	SEQUESTRATOR 5 P Evans 8-10-10	Martin Jones (3)	—
13		DP	ROYAL RUPERT 8 R Juckes 4-10-7	A Juckes (5)	—
14		0F	FIRESTREAM 17 B Wells 5-10-5	S Mason (7)	—
15		PPPP	MYSTICAL LADY 8 M Muggeridge 4-10-0	W Irvine	—

2-1 Carbonate, 9-4 Norquay, 5-1 Nordic Flash, 7-1 Blakes Progress, 9-1 Intuition, 14-1 Sequestrator, 16-1 others.

5.20 FOXFORD HANDICAP CHASE (£3,218: 3m 2f) (18)

1		5112	GALA'S IMAGE 21 (D,F,G,S) J McConnochie 11-12-0	J Shortt	—
2		1411	OVER AND ABOVE 24 (F,G,S) N Henderson 9-11-8	R Dunwoody	—
3		134P	DAWN PRINCE 4 (V,F) M Pipe 8-10-9	D Richmond (7)	—
4		132P	A LAD INSANE 4 (F) K Bailey 10-10-8	A Tory	—
5		2P12	NOEL LUCK 15 (F,S) Mrs S Oliver 11-10-8	R Hyett	—
6		4U34	BORDER OAK 5 (F) J Charlton 9-10-4	T Reed	—
7		3121	SHERDON HUTCH 17 (CD,F) Mrs J Retter 10-10-4	L Harvey	—
8		5031	MOUNT OLIVER 8 (B,D,F,G,S) R Dickin 13-10-4	Martin Jones (3)	—
9		P504	PERNOIC 17 (D,F,G) R Lee 11-10-4	B Dowling	—
10		-005	PARISH RIGGED 16 (D,F,S) D Bloor 13-10-3	H Davies	—
11		5633	SHEPHERD'S HYMN 5 (D,F,G,S) Mrs V Aconley 10-10-2	J Corbett (7)	—
12		B422	BRONZE EFFIGY 17 (G,S)

Attacking Tavaré century spoils West Indies show

By JOHN WOODCOCK

TAUNTON (third day of three): Somerset drew with the West Indians

THE West Indians were denied victory yesterday by Chris Tavaré, who made 109 not out and dominated Somerset's second innings no less emphatically than Cook had their first. At the finish Somerset were 198 for nine.

Their eighth wicket fell with 21 overs left, but Graveney kept Tavaré company for 16 of them, and Lefebvre, batting last because of a damaged foot, for the last five. Off the fifth ball of the last over Lefebvre was dropped by Lara at slip off Hooper, a thick edge which went to him via the wicketkeeper's glove. With the Tetley Bitter sponsorship, rewarding victories as generously as it does, this was a costly miss.

In what will probably be their last outing before the Test series starts, Ambrose and Marshall bowled fast and well, Marshall more so in his first spell than his second. In taking the game to them Tavaré showed how much experience of playing bowlers of such pace and calibre counts, especially on pitches with any pace in them.

With this innings behind him — his fortieth first-class hundred — Tavaré should go on now to have another successful season.

With Greenidge off, and Haynes by no means certain of being fit for the first Test, it was reassuring for the West Indians that Richardson, Simmons, Lara and Hooper all made some runs in the morning. As a senior player who has never taken to English conditions, Richardson's form was particularly welcome to them.

There was some twinkling footwork against Somerset's two spinners, Trump and Graveney; once they played themselves in Richardson and Hooper laid on some exotic Caribbean touches. The late cut, feathered away from almost off the off-stump, made one of its increasingly rare appearances. There could have been boys on the ground who were seeing it for the first time.

Although Caddick's 32 overs in the match cost 153 runs, the best balls of the morning were bowled by him; he produced four or five that Ambrose at his best would have been pleased with. One, a break back, had Simmons leg before, playing no stroke. After Lara, having scored his second 50 of the match in only 44 balls, swept Graveney to short fine leg, Richardson and Hooper spent the rest of the innings enjoying themselves.

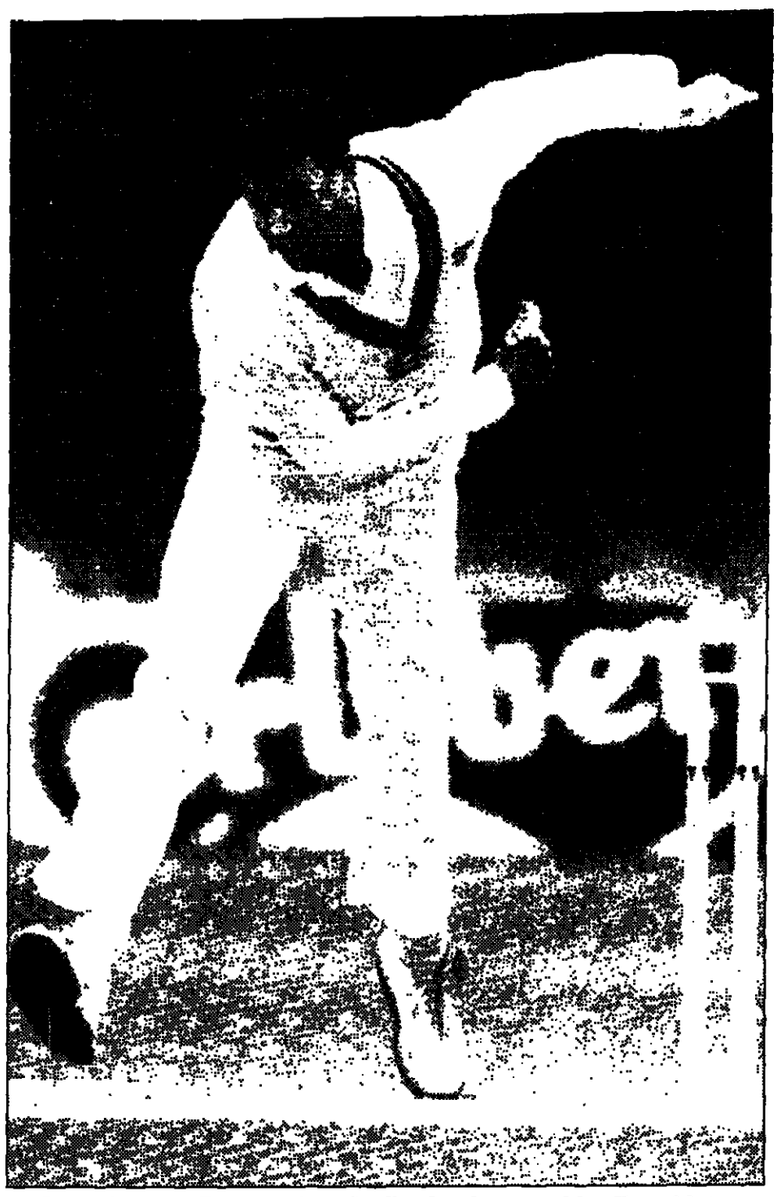
For the record, Somerset needed 336 to win. They were soon 46 for four. Roebuck played on to Allen, and Cook, much to his annoyance, flirted with Ambrose outside the off stump and paid the penalty. Hayhurst and Harden then had a brief and illuminating glimpse of what life is like at the top, Hayhurst before being bowled by Ambrose, and Harden until he was acrobatically caught by Williams, a real little jack-in-the-box. Williams could be the best wicketkeeper West Indies have had for a long time.

He is the smallest I have seen anywhere, other than at a prep school since the days when Hugo Yarnold kept for Worcestershire.

But Tavaré was already looking as though he meant business. Of this West Indian side only Marshall and Haynes were about when he used to be brought in to try and prop up England's innings against Holding and Garner and company.

If he scored ten runs in an hour against them thenhe was reckoned to be rattling along. Now, though, he mostly played the hare not the tortoise. He hit 19 fours without ever raising his bat much higher when on the attack than when playing out time at the end.

□ Phil Whitticase, the Leicestershire wicketkeeper, who has a hamstring injury, and batsman James Whitaker, who has an injured knee, could miss the match against the West Indians at Grace Road today.



Impressive return: Fraser bowling at Lord's, where he captured four Kent wickets

Grey day is full of gloom for Gloucestershire

By ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

BRISTOL (first day of three: Essex won toss): Essex, with four first-innings wickets in hand, lead Gloucestershire by 114 runs

GREY days at Bristol habitually produce bowler-friendly conditions and yesterday was no exception. Gloucestershire were bowled out for 118 in under three hours and Essex encountered problems of their own before securing a potentially decisive lead.

There was an occasional connoisseur's moment, notably the spreadeagling of Graham Gooch's stumps, second ball, by a yorker from David Lawrence, jet-propelled by news of his Test omission. There were some memorable catches from Salim Malik and Hussain and, when Essex batted, a first wicket for the Cheltenham schoolboy, Jason de la Pena. For those who like to see the ball hit with freedom and frequency, however, this was not the place to be.

Gooch put Gloucestershire in on a morning of bleak skies and damp mist. He was vindicated by six wickets before lunch, though it might have been more; three catches were dropped, two by Gooch at second slip.

When the ball moves off the seam few teams are better equipped than Essex. Foster, hurrying through his overs, finished his first spell of eight with one wicket for two while Andrew, having had Scott dropped by Garnham, soon dismissed him leg-before.

Athey and the captain, Wright, were both out to stinging catches in the gully by Malik, the second of which sent him to hospital to have a finger x-rayed. Alleyne's technique was too loose for the occasion and Lloyds, twitching at a rising ball, was caught down the leg side.

Topley, that most wholehearted of cricketers, took three of the remaining four wickets after lunch, leaving Gloucestershire, heavily beaten by Warwickshire on Monday, without a batting bonus point for the second successive game.

There was, however, no sign of the murk lifting to comfort the batsmen and even against an attack with its limitations magnified by the absence of the injured Gilbert, Essex were in for a turbulent ride.

Lawrence against Gooch had promised to be a high-point but any who spent too long in the tea-queue between innings will have missed it. England's captain nudged a single from the first ball, received strike again to the sixth and became the latest in a list of distinguished wickets for the Lawrence yorker.

Graeme Hick, Allan Lamb and Jeffrey Dujon have all been bowled by it for very few and Gooch was just as palpably beaten for pace. Taken in conjunction with Lawrence's ability to bowl aggressively short, it is a weapon which, sadly, England's No. 1 fast bowler, Devon Malcolm, does not so readily possess.

De la Pena, aged 18, will be sitting his A-levels next week and doubtless the envy of his school after starting his county career with the wicket of Prichard.

From a smooth approach he has a high, easy action and generates bounce without trying to bowl too fast.

From 92 for four, Essex were steered to safer waters by Hussain and Pringle in a stand worth 60. Both fell to Lawrence, rampaging in for his second spell, which left Malik in elegant charge but, unless conditions rapidly improve, this game will not require a third day.

Sussex suffer to Akram's spells

By PETER BALL

OLD TRAFFORD (first day of three: Lancashire won toss): Lancashire (4pts), with seven first-innings in hand, are 85 runs behind Sussex (3)

PERHAPS because they were concentrating their early energies on one-day cricket, Lancashire have begun the championship slowly, but yesterday their pursuit began to gather pace as they dominated most of a grey Manchester day. By contrast, Sussex's brief early season spell at the top looked more like an aberration than a statement of intent.

The main doubts about Lancashire's ability to sustain a championship challenge have concentrated on their ability to bowl sides out on the last day. Last season the injuries which undermined Wasim Akram were a sizeable handicap.

After a quiet winter, his fitness and appetite were unquestionable yesterday, bowling 26 overs in two long spells to return his best championship figures for more than a year. If anything, he bowled too long, particularly in his second spell of 15 overs, as Bunting and Jones prospered. For much of the time too, he bowled too short, but there was no questioning his pace or hostility.

Until Bunting and Jones came together for a most unlikely partnership, it was too much for Sussex, whose brittle batting looked inadequate on a pitch with life and movement for DeFreitas and the admirable Watkinson to exploit.

Hall, perhaps surprised to see a ball pitching in his half, and Lenham, bowled off his forearm by a more characteristic delivery — a rising, short-pitched ball — went in the space of three balls to Wasim's pace; Wells, who was drawn irresistably forward and across by the best ball of the morning to edge to slip, and Parker, trapped by one which nipped back, were beaten by movement.

When Smith ended a resolute innings with a poor shot, Sussex's hopes of even one bonus point looked scant.

It looked like a rout, but after Bunting had escaped an edge, he and Jones resisted with growing confidence, as Lancashire apparently waited for the inevitable. It was a long time coming, Bunting striking two sixes as he reached his maiden championship 50 off 75 balls.

Lancashire made steady progress in reducing the deficit, although the slashes to wide half-volleys which ended the innings of Fowler and Fairbrother were of the one-day, rather than five-day, variety.

Wicketkeepers flourish as batsmen are kept on edge

By IVO TENNANT

LORD'S (first day of three; Middlesex won toss): Middlesex, with three first-innings wickets in hand, are 67 runs behind Kent

FOR the good and the great alike, batting was an arduous task at Lord's yesterday. Seventeen wickets fell for 253 runs and, had not 21 overs been lost to bad light, several more would have gone down besides. Just about everyone who bowled made the ball swing, seam and dart around.

Wicketkeepers enjoy such conditions. Of the seven Middlesex wickets to fall, six were to catches by Marsh, which equalled a Kent record. Yet no one can have been more satisfied that Fraser, who in his initial championship match of the season, took four wickets. In that his troublesome hip did not inconvenience him, he was talking of returning to Test cricket soon.

Clearly, rumours of Fraser's premature retirement are insubstantial. In his first spell he padded gingerly to the wicket, in his second he put his back into it and by the end of the third he had taken four wickets. All the while he was markedly accurate, as his four opening overs, each a maiden, would testify.

Fraser was but one of several players whom Alan Knott was assessing on behalf of the England committee. Another presumably, was Benson, who picked out the wrong fielder to chance a single to at mid-on. There was something of Clive Lloyd in Williams' stride, swoop and direct hit.

Thereafter, wickets fell with great regularity. Everyone who turned his arm over seemed to take one. Of the Kent batsmen, only Neil Taylor looked at all convincing, all eight of his fours coming off the middle of the bat. His 46 was top score of the day.

He went when Chas Taylor, who was playing owing to injury to Cowans and Ellcock, ran one across him at a brisk left-arm medium and had him taken in Gatting's midriff. Ward received one of the few short balls all day (there is at least that to be said for batting in these conditions) and he, too, was taken in the slips.

The Cowdreys went to Fraser. Graham after lasting for more than two hours. Ellison was beaten by one Fraser drifted away, Farbrace holding the first of two fine diving catches against his old county. Locating Knott behind the arm, he sought him out for some special advice afterwards.

Movement was such yesterday that Hughes brought the ball back up the slope several times. One such delivery accounted for Davis, who was caught at the wicket. Marsh went to a sharp slip catch by Gatting, McCague skied Hughes to mid-on and Fraser gained his fourth wicket, that of Merrick. Inevitably, fifteen overs left him feeling sore. "A week ago if someone had said I would not have been back until July 1, I would have agreed with them. But tests have proved that there is nothing major wrong with my back."

Fortunately for him he did not have to bat and then bowl again, although it was a close call. For his colleagues came and went with even greater rapidity than Kent's batsmen. Marsh, intent on losing nothing by comparison with Farbrace, held a beauty in front of first slip to account for Roseberry. This was off Merrick.

His second catch was more straightforward, Hutchinson edging Penn. Ramprakash, elevated to England status, took 32 minutes over a single before Ellison had him too, taken by Marsh. These were just the conditions for Ellison, as he proved by taking two further wickets. Gatting who was authoritative in making 34, had also gone by now, to McCague. Marsh has every chance to set a record today.

Reeves in day of setbacks

By GEOFFREY WHEELER

THE Warwickshire all-rounder, Dermot Reeve, had a double disappointment at Edgbaston yesterday. Having been wrongly told that he was in the England squad for the first Test match, Reeve was later left stranded on 99 as Warwickshire were bowled out for 354 by Yorkshire (Geoffrey Wheeler writes).

Yorkshire, who ended Warwickshire's ambitions in the Benson and Hedges Cup on Wednesday, were set fair to damage their championship prospects when Fletcher, who finished with six for 70, took two early wickets.

But the Yorkshire seamers could not make the most of the conditions and Warwickshire rallied thanks to two young batsmen, Jason Ratcliffeand Dominic Ostler, before Reeve led a successful dash for maximum batting points.

Derbyshire's Ole Mortensen claimed five wickets for 46 in an unbroken morning spell which reduced Northamptonshire to 83 for six. Capel, who hit ten fours in 70, Thomas and Ripley, repaired the damage so that Northamptonshire reached 248.

The day's only century-maker in the championship was Nottinghamshire's Paul Pollard against Hampshire.

Curtis performs yeoman service

By JACK BAILEY

WORCESTER (first day of three: Worcestershire won toss): Glamorgan, with eight first-innings wickets in hand, are 171 runs behind Worcestershire

WORCESTERSHIRE emerged rather better than they might have expected when they first noted the uneven bounce and exaggerated lateral movement of the New Road pitch.

They certainly found themselves in a happier frame of mind after Hick, taking off his gloves on his way back to the pavilion, noticed that Morris, at third slip, had in falling, lost a ball from Watkin which had appeared to be firmly grasped.

Hick, then ten, went on to make a fine 50; a patient innings from Curtis held things together; Illingworth, Worcestershire's second new England recruit, made the third highest score; and finally both Glamorgan openers were captured before bad light ended play fifteen minutes early.

The haphazard bounce of the fixture list has not favoured Worcestershire either. This is only their third championship match — Glamorgan's sixth — and England prospects apart, Neale is having to pick his teams on hunches. Yesterday, the old guard was out in force and none did more yeoman service than Curtis. He is as consistent a performer as you will find on the county circuit and now he earned the gratitude of his team as he watched the ball on to bat, concentration unwavering, in a stay of over four hours for his 70.

The need for watchfulness became ingrained as the odd shooter from Watkin and Frost hustled through at ankle height early on, and could not be entirely discounted during the rest of the day. Curtis eventually fell victim to such a ball, as had Illingworth before him, but anyone who bowled brisk, accurate seam-up stuff had a good chance and Watkin and Frost, with four wickets apiece, made the most of it.

After Lord had left early to an excellent running catch by Metson 20 yards from his wicket, Hick was in for eight overs before scoring. His 50 contained ten fours, several of them exquisite cover drives. A leading edge, lobbed to mid-on, accounted for him, but by then he had passed 1,500 runs in five seasons against Glamorgan for an average of 107. Thereafter, uncertainty ruled the day, never more apparently than when Frost, at long leg, caught Newport. He does not catch many and the delight of his teammates was rapturous.

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Tetley Challenge

Somerset v West Indians

TAUNTON *(West Indians won toss): Somerset drew with West Indians*

WEST INDIANS: First Innings 342 for 7 dec (C L Hooper 123, B C Lara 93)

Second Innings

*D L Haynes retired hurt	16
P V Simmons lbw b Caddick	51
R B Richardson not out	91
B C Lara c Cook b Graveney	50
C L Hooper not out	46
Extras (lb 2, w 2, nb 3)	7
Total (2 wkts dec)	263

A L Logie, M D Marshall, H A G Anthony, †D Williams, I B A Allen and C E L Ambrose did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-95, 2-178.

BOWLING: Caddick 12-0-68-1, Hayhurst 4-0-23-0, Mackelay 7-0-33-0; Graveney 14-2-51-1, Trump 14-0-86-0

SOMERSET: First Innings 270 (S J Cook 162 not out,

Second Innings

S J Cook c Williams b Ambrose	14
P M Roebuck b Allen	3
A N Hayhurst b Ambrose	5
*C J Tavaré not out	109
R J Harden c Williams b Marshall	6
†N D Burns b Hooper	14
K H MacLeay c Richardson b Allen	14
H R H Trump c Allen b Hooper	9
A R Caddick lbw b Hooper	0
D A Graveney lbw b Anthony	8
R P Lefebvre not out	0
Extras (b 5, lb 1, nb 10)	16
Total (9 wkts)	198

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-16, 2-20, 3-28, 4-46, 5-109, 6-131, 7-140, 8-156, 9-192.

BOWLING: Ambrose 18-7-35-2; Allen 12-1-61-2; Marshall 8-0-35-1, Anthony 9-5-34-1, Hooper 19-7-27-3.

Umpires: B Hassan and K Palmer

Britannic Assurance county championship

Northants v Derbys

NORTHAMPTON *(Derbyshire won toss): Northamptonshire have scored 248 runs against Derbyshire*

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings

A Fordham c Krikken b Malcolm	4
N A Felton c Krikken b Mortensen	15
R J Bailey c Azharuddin b Mortensen	7
*A J Lamb c Adams b Mortensen	8
D J Capel c Azharuddin b Jean-Jacques	70
K M Curran c Adams b Mortensen	6
A L Penberthy c Krikken b Mortensen	0
J G Thomas b Malcolm	84
†D Ripley not out	53
A Walker c O'Gorman b Malcolm	8
N G B Cook c Krikken b Malcolm	4
Extras (lb 8, w 1)	9
Total (84.5 overs)	248

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-14, 2-23, 3-28, 4-39, 5-77, 6-83, 7-147, 8-200, 9-226.

BOWLING: Malcolm 23.5-2-76-4, Mortensen 21-5-57-5, Base 22-2-57-0; Jean-Jacques 18-5-50-1

DERBYSHIRE: *K J Barnett, P D Bowler, J E Morris, M Azharuddin, T J G O'Gorman, C J Adams, †K M Krikken, M Jean-Jacques, S J Base, O H Mortensen and D E Malcolm.

Bonus points: Northamptonshire 2, Derbyshire 4.

Umpires: K J Lyons and R A White.

Gloucs v Essex

BRISTOL *(Essex won toss): Essex, with four first-innings wickets in hand, are 114 runs ahead of Gloucestershire*

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

G D Hodgson b Foster	3
R J Scott lbw b Andrew	13
*A J Wright c Malik b Pringle	22
C W J Athey c Malik b Pringle	10
M W Alleyne b Topley	17
†R C Russell c Hussain b Topley	26
J W Lloyds c Garnham b Andrew	4
D V Lawrence c Garnham b Andrew	3
A M Smith lbw b Topley	9
J M de la Pena not out	1
A M Babington c Garnham b Topley	0
Extras (b 1, lb 2, nb 7)	10
Total (47.4 overs)	118

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-18, 2-21, 3-43, 4-66, 5-77, 6-84, 7-90, 8-113, 9-118.

BOWLING: Foster 13-9-13-1; Andrew 15-2-51-3; Topley 10.4-0-34-4; Pringle 9-2-17-2.

ESSEX: First Innings

*G A Gooch b Lawrence	1
J P Stephenson c Lloyds b Smith	38
P J Prichard c Russell b de la Pena	10
N Hussain c Russell b Lawrence	67
†M A Garnham b Babington	14
D R Pringle lbw b Lawrence	24
Salim Malik not out	45
N A Foster not out	13
Extras (lb 10, nb 10)	20
Total (6 wkts, 59 overs)	232

S J W Andrew, T D Topley and J H Childs to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-53, 3-60, 4-82, 5-152, 6-174.

Bonus points: Gloucestershire 2, Essex 6

Umpires: J W Holder and R Palmer

Notts v Hants

TRENT BRIDGE *(Nottinghamshire won toss): Nottinghamshire have scored 238 runs against Hampshire*

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings

B C Broad c Gower b Javed	5
P R Pollard c Bakker b Javed	100
*R T Robinson c Gower b Javed	48
P Johnson b Connor	16
D W Randall c Aymes b Javed	13
R J Evans lbw b Javed	16
F D Stephenson c Aymes b Maru	22
†B N French not out	0
E E Hemmings not out	1
Extras (b 6, lb 7, w 1, nb 3)	17
Total (7 wkts, 84.4 overs)	238

R A Pick and J A Afford to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-127, 3-162, 4-181, 5-194, 6-237, 7-237

HAMPSHIRE: C L Smith, T C Middleton, D I Gower, R A Smith, *M C J Nicholas, K D James, †A N Aymes, R J Maru, C A Connor, P J Bakker, Aaqib Javed

Bonus points: Nottinghamshire 2, Hampshire 3.

Umpires: N T Plews and M J Kitchen.

Worcs v Glam

WORCESTER *(Worcestershire won toss): Glamorgan, with eight first-innings wickets in hand, are 171 runs behind Worcestershire*

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

T S Curtis lbw b Frost	70
G J Lord c Metson b Frost	0
G A Hick c Watkin b Smith	50
T M Moody c Butcher b Watkin	0
*P A Neale b Barwick	12
†S J Rhodes low b Watkin	5
R K Illingworth b Frost	28
P J Newport c Frost b Watkin	16
S R Lampitt c Smith b Watkin	19
N V Radford c Watkin b Frost	0
G R Dilley not out	0
Extras (lb 6, nb 1)	7
Total (51.5 overs)	205

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-87, 3-90, 4-110, 5-123, 6165, 7-169, 8-199, 9-205.

BOWLING: Watkin 24-10-40-4; Frost 29.5-10-67-4; Barwick 26-8-51-1; Smith 12-1-41-1.

GLAMORGAN: First Innings

*A R Butcher lbw b Dilley	17
H Morris b Radford	8
J Shastri not out	0
†C P Metson not out	0
Extras (lb 2, nb 1)	3
Total (2 wkts, 11 overs)	34

M P Maynard, G C Holmes, I Smith, R D B Croft, S L Watkin, S Base and M Frost to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-22, 2-28.

Bonus points: Worcestershire 2, Glamorgan 4.

Umpires: G I Burgess and B Leadbeater.

Lancs v Sussex

OLD TRAFFORD *(Lancashire won toss): Lancashire, with seven first-innings wickets in hand, are 85 runs behind Sussex*

SUSSEX: First Innings

D M Smith c Atherton b Watkinson	40
J W Hall lbw b Akram	4
N J Lenham b Akram	0
A P Wells c Hughes b Watkinson	6
*P W G Parker lbw b DeFreitas	11
A I C Dodemaide lbw b Yates	20
†P Moores c Watkinson b Akram	33
A C S Pigott b Akram	1
I D K Salisbury b Yates	0
R A Bunting not out	51
A N Jones c Akram b DeFreitas	29
Extras (b 5, lb 3, w 3, nb 4)	15
Total (68 overs)	209

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-15, 2-15, 3-32, 4-85, 5-73, 6-125, 7-125, 8-126, 9-135.

BOWLING: Wasim Akram 25-6-76-4; DeFreitas 12.2-5-21-2; Watkinson 18-3-64-2; Yates 12-1-40-2.

LANCASHIRE: First Innings

G D Mendis b Dodemaide	13
G Fowler c Smith b Pigott	32
M A Atherton not out	37
N H Fairbrother c Moores b Bunting	22
†W K Hegg not out	5
Extras (b 1, lb 9, w 5)	15
Total (3 wkts, 40 overs)	124

G D Lloyd, M Watkinson, Wasim Akram, P A J DeFreitas, *D P Hughes and G Yates to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-13, 2-67, 3-110.

Bonus points: Lancashire 4, Sussex 3.

Umpires: J C Balderstone and J D Bond.

Middlesex v Kent

LORD'S *(Middlesex won toss): Middlesex, with three first-innings wickets in hand, are 67 runs behind Kent*

KENT: First Innings

N R Taylor c Gatting b Taylor	46
*M R Benson run out	9
T R Ward c Emburey b Taylor	12
G R Cowdrey c Farbrace b Fraser	25
C S Cowdrey lbw b Fraser	6
R M Ellison c Farbrace b Fraser	7
†S A Marsh c Gatting b Taylor	6
R P Davis c Farbrace b Hughes	6
C Penn not out	10
M J McCague c Hutchinson b Hughes	11
T A Merrick c Farbrace b Fraser	4
Extras (b 8, lb 4, nb 6)	18
Total (54.5 overs)	160

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-15, 2-59, 3-76, 4-87, 5-95, 6-111, 7-133, 8-135, 9-154.

BOWLING: Hughes 12.2-46-2, Fraser 15.5-8-24-4, Williams 13-3-39-0; Taylor 13-4-35-3; Emburey 1-0-4-0.

MIDDLESEX: First Innings

I J F Hutchinson c Marsh b Penn	22
M A Roseberry c Marsh b Merrick	2
*M W Gatting c Marsh b McCague	34
M R Ramprakash c Marsh b Ellison	1
K R Brown not out	13
J E Emburey c Taylor b Ellison	5
N F Williams c Marsh b Ellison	0
†P Farbrace c Marsh b Merrick	0
C W Taylor not out	0
Extras (b 8, lb 2, nb 6)	16
Total (7 wkts, 30.4 overs)	93

S P Hughes and A R C Fraser to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-46, 3-69, 4-70, 5-82, 6-92, 7-93.

Bonus points: Middlesex 4, Kent 4.

Umpires: B Dudleston and P B Wight

Warwicks v Yorks

EDGBASTON *(Yorkshire won toss): Warwickshire have scored 354 runs against Yorkshire*

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings

A J Moles b Fletcher	17
J D Ratcliffe c Byas b M A Robinson	68
*T A Lloyd c Byas b Fletcher	2
D P Ostler c Blakey b Fletcher	77
P A Smith c Byas b Gough	11
D A Reeve not out	99
†K J Piper c Kellett b Fletcher	19
P A Booth b Hartley	7
G C Small lbw b Hartley	0
T A Munton b Fletcher	28
A A Donald b Fletcher	0
Extras (b 4, lb 14, w 2, nb 6)	26
Total	354

Score after 100 overs: 308-6.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-37, 2-48, 3-132, 4-178, 5-199, 6-237, 7-257, 8-257, 9-354.

BOWLING: Hartley 23.3-82-2; M A Robinson 28-6-70-1; Fletcher 27-6-70-6; Gough 20.3-85-1; Carrick 9-2-22-0, Byas 2-0-7-0.

YORKSHIRE: *M D Moxon, A A Metcalfe, D Byas, †R J Blakey, P E Robinson, S A Kellett, P Carrick, P J Hartley, D Gough, S D Fletcher and M A Robinson.

Bonus points: Warwickshire 4, Yorkshire 3.

Umpires: J H Hampshire and A A Jones.

ATHLETICS

A rustless return is sought

From DAVID POWELL
ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT
ALHAMA, SPAIN

DALEY Thompson, who has not completed a decathlon for three years, will, in the words of Frank Dick, his coaching adviser, be trying "to chip off the rust" in Spain this weekend. We should then know whether the corrosion which kept him out of the Commonwealth Games and European championships last year has been repaired, or whether it has penetrated his chances of competing in the world championships in Tokyo.

It is five years since Thompson, now aged 32, had his last success. Time is running short if he is to prove himself again.

Dick has suggested that Thompson may not even complete the ten events here. This was not, Dick urged, Thompson's attempt at the world championship qualifying standard of 7,850 points he needs. Recently, Thompson stopped a decathlon after nine events while on 6,938 points. Had he run the 1,500 metres, he may have scored 7,600. "I have no doubts that, before the end of the season, he will be past the 8,000 points mark," Dick said.

Even Thompson must feel good in comparison to Ben Johnson. Just as he had been in his first 100-metre race since his disqualification for drug-taking, Johnson was fifth again on Thursday night. Only this time, in Seville, he was slower, 10.69sec against 10.54sec.

The Britons, Roger Black (46.96sec for 400 metres) and Kriss Akabusi (49.36sec, 400 metres hurdles), both fourth, showed good form.

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Survival instincts favour big salmon and Senna

THIS is the week when everyone seems to be seeking a "first". A number of jockeys will be looking for their first Derby win at Epsom on Wednesday (and I dare say that a few million punters will be searching for something similar). A motor racing driver who has suddenly discovered that it is a totally different race when you are on the front row of the grid will be battling for his first Formula One grand prix victory.

And the Scottish actor is dreaming of his first 20lb salmon. Sadly he will continue to dream in the same way that Stephano Modena will surely still be awaiting his moment of glory after the Canadian grand prix tomorrow.

Paul Young (he is the Labour MP with whom Penelope Keith shares an office in the television series *No Job for a Lady*) has been "a fishing fanatic for 30 years". When BBC Scotland invited him to set out on a fishing adventure from January to October, this former fly-fishing champion needed little persuasion. The result is a splendid eight-part series entitled *Hooked on Scotland* which begins on BBC1 on Wednesday (12.25pm).

It has to be said, however, that Young does stretch credulity. So many anglers fish in vain for years; yet each time he casts a fly he seems to land something even if it is not the twenty-pounder he has dreamed off for thirty years ... 18½ is the best he manages. Paul hastens to explain that the first 30-minute programme took more than 150 hours. There is never a guarantee that you will find a fish and even if you hook one there is no guarantee you will net it, he says.

One of Young's companions had "mixed feelings" after hooking and then losing, after a 45-minute fight, a Portuguese Beagle shark. "He would like to have landed it but did not fancy being pulled overboard."

The shark at the Canadian grand prix tomorrow (live on Sky Sports from 6.45pm) is, of course, Ayrton Senna and he is not likely to be reeled in by his 25 opponents. But Stephano Modena, who shared the front row at Monaco and realised "that it is a totally different race when you are up there" goes to Montreal with a similar ambition to Paul Young heading for the Tay. It is the "big one". He said: "This is my favourite circuit. I do not believe Ayrton is unbeatable. If you believe that you pack it in."

The Italian driver of the British Tyrrell team was third at Monaco in 1989 yet he considers his 1991 drive there his best yet. He held a good second place for 43 laps until his Honda engine blew. A podium place tomorrow for him will be like a 20lb salmon to Paul Young.

As for the derby, it can all be seen on Channel 4 on Wednesday with Brough Scott and company from 2pm.

SPORT ON TELEVISION

THE WEEK IN VIEW

THE WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

TODAY: As the pressure builds up for Ryder Cup points, *Grandstand* features the Dunhill British Masters at Woburn (BBC1 from 12.30pm) and takes in Nations Cup showjumping from Hickstead, England's first football match against Australia, Lynfield racing and the Esso British touring car championship at Thruxton. Screensport presents live snooker, with Jimmy Waltana playing Steve Davis in the Asian Challenge (3pm), and Sky Sports has live boxing in *Ringside* (6pm), followed by the first of four daily bulletins from the Isle of Man TT races (10pm).

TOMORROW: Ayrton Senna's attempt to make it five in a row, at the Canadian grand prix, comes live from Montreal on Sky Sports (6.45pm) with highlights on BBC2 (9.50). The French Derby is live on Channel 4 (3.15pm). *Sunday Grandstand* (BBC2 1.25pm) has the final round of the golf from Woburn, show jumping at Hickstead and the sixth round of the British Formula Three championship at Thruxton which can also be seen on Screensport (6pm). Waltana plays Jimmy White (Screen Sport, 3pm) in the Asian challenge.

MONDAY: John Motson, in New Zealand, presents highlights of England's second football match of their summer tour in *Sportsnight Special* (BBC1 10.10pm). The Isle of Man TT round-up is on Sky Sports (10pm).

TUESDAY: The English football season's best moments are condensed into 120 minutes (Sky Sports) and Screensport's live boxing comes from the York Hall. Unfortunately, both start at 8pm.

WEDNESDAY: Brough Scott sets the scene at Epsom for the biggest race of the Flat season. Channel 4 is on air from 2pm with the Derby at 3.45. Wales receive West Germany in the European football championship (Sky Sports live at 7.30, BBC1 at 10.20pm). Screensport (6 to 8pm) has highlights of the US golf from the Kemper Open.

THURSDAY: Tony Lewis and Richie Benaud bring ball-by-ball commentary of England's first Test against West Indies (BBC1 from 10.50am, BBC2 from 4pm). Epsom racing is on Channel 4 (2.30pm) and Sky Sports (1.30-6.30) has Beckenham tennis.

FRIDAY: Almost a carbon copy of yesterday's cricket, racing and tennis.

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Capping it all: Ballesteros, in a hat bought for him by his wife, in the swing of things at Woburn yesterday

Spaniard has stranglehold on Woburn after second round of 66

Ballesteros takes control with a four-shot lead

By MITCHELL PLATTS
GOLF CORRESPONDENT

SEVERIANO Ballesteros continued his remarkable resurgence with a second successive 66 to take a stranglehold on the Dunhill British Masters on the Duke's course at Woburn Golf and Country Club yesterday.

Seven weeks ago, Ballesteros scored 75 in the first round of the Masters at Augusta National. Then he looked like sinking without trace. Now the Spaniard is walking tall as Mark Calcavecchia, his playing partner and nearest rival, confirmed.

"I don't see Seve having a bad weekend," Calcavecchia said. "The power of the putter is mystifying and Seve is knocking them home from everywhere. He's going to make a bunch more birdies and to beat him I'm going to have to make five more than he does. I don't think he can't be beaten, but . . ."

Ballesteros has a halfway total of 132, 12 under par, and leads by four shots from Calcavecchia, Eamonn Darcy and Keith Waters. Since the first round at Augusta, Ballesteros has completed 21 rounds for which he is 67 under par. He has won twice, lost in a play-off and finished third.

"I think I have played the last month nearly as good as I can," he said. "The good thing is that when I wake up I'm looking forward to getting to the golf course and playing. When you are making bogeys, it's not fun."

Yesterday, Ballesteros was out in 32 on a cold morning. He had three birdies, holing from 12, 15 and 25 feet, but showed he is still human by taking three putts at the sixth. "I think his mind just fell asleep for a second," Calcavecchia said.

Ballesteros was on with a seven-iron for a birdie at the tenth. Then he holed from ten, five and 15 feet at the 11th, 12th and 14th respectively. His failure to make another might have provided Calcavecchia, and the other challengers, with hope although the bookmakers are not prepared to take a chance. Ballesteros is 2-1 on to win the first prize of £75,000, with which he could move to No. 1 in the Volvo Order of Merit.

SCORES

GB and Ireland unless stated
132: S Ballesteros (Sp), 66, 66. 136: K Waters, 69, 67; M Calcavecchia (US), 70, 66; E Darcy, 69, 67. 138: S Richardson 72, 66; S Torrance, 70, 68; P Mitchell, 68, 70; M James, 70, 68. 139: J Bland (SA), 69, 70; P O'Malley (Aus), 70, 69; S Hamill, 68, 71; C Montgomerie, 68, 73; P Parkin, 68, 71; P Way, 71, 68; P Walton, 69, 70. 140: G Brand Jr, 68, 72; B Ogle (Aus), 69, 71; I Woosnam, 71, 69; H Clark, 70, 70. 141: D J Russell, 72, 69; V Singh (Fiji), 71, 70; R Lee, 74, 67; G Ralph, 71, 70; R McFarlane, 72, 69; C Rocca (Italy), 70, 71; H Baiocchi (SA), 69, 73; M Poxon, 69, 72.
142: M Moreno (Sp), 74, 68; M Ferry (Fr), 71, 71; D Mlovic (Can), 70, 72; R Hartmann (US), 73, 69; M A Jiménez (Sp), 70, 72; D Feherty, 72, 70; R Rafferty, 76, 67; A Johnstone (Zim), 67, 75; J M Carbonne (Sp), 72, 70. 143: D Smyth, 73, 70; F Nobilo (NZ), 71, 72; P Baker, 75, 68; B Lane, 73, 70; C Williams, 71, 72; D A Russell, 72, 71; A Romanger (Switz), at 2Banc; 3, J Simon (Fr), at 34; 4, P Simon (Fr), at 46; 5, D Vassiltchenko (USSR), at 52. Overall: 1, J Simon (Fr), 15hr 24min 51sec; 2, Vassiltchenko, at 25sec; 3, J-C Robin (Fr), at 39.

Chamley, 73, 70; P Smith, 70, 73; R Davis (Aus), 72, 71; B Marchbank, 70, 73; J Pamevik (Swe), 70, 75.
144: M Martin (Sp), 73, 71; A Oldcorn, 73, 71; D Gilford, 72, 72; M Lanner (Swe), 73, 71; J Van de Velde (Fr), 71, 73; S Bennett, 72, 72; W Grant, 69, 75; B Gallacher, 72, 72; M Clayton (Aus), 74, 70; J Cuevas (Sp), 73, 71.
145: M Mochrie, 72, 73; B Norton (US), 71, 74; R Claydon, 71, 74; J Rutledge (Can), 74, 71; D Durnian, 72, 73; G J Turner (NZ), 76, 69; J Rivero (Sp), 76, 69; M Harwood (Aus), 73, 72; P Hoad, 71, 74, A Murray, 74, 71; P Fowler (Aus), 70, 75; M Sunesson (Swe), 74, 71.
146: C O'Connor Jr, 71, 75; J Hawkes (SA), 73, 73; G Moody, 77, 69; E Dussart (Fr), 70, 76; J Morse (US), 72, 74; R Chapman, 74, 72; J Rystrom (Swe), 70, 76.
147: W Longmuir, 73, 74; M Mouland, 75, 72; P Teravainen (US), 75, 72, J Haeggman (Swe), 77, 70, R Stelton (US), 74, 73.
Disqualified: J Hawksworth.

Calcavecchia clearly enjoyed himself alongside Ballesteros. When he drove the green at the 17th, a mighty blow, albeit that the tee had been moved forward, to set up his seventh birdie, the American required an eagle three at the last for a new course record.

In the end, he was happy to escape with a six. He visited a bush, thick rough and the trees before holing from 20 feet for a 66.

Darcy, third in the PGA championship on Monday, was less than happy with his driving. He finds the trees intimidating and his back is causing him some pain. The Irishman, however, had six birdies, including a two at the second where he hit an eight-iron to two feet and another at the eighth where his seven-iron finished 12 feet from the hole.

Waters, aged 31, did win the Zimbabwe Open earlier this year, although the highest he has finished in a PGA European Tour event is fifth. A second round of 67, which included seven birdies, should give him heart.

FOOTBALL

Hirst selected as Lineker's latest England partner

From STUART JONES, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT, SYDNEY

DAVID Hirst, Sheffield Wednesday's prolific centre forward, is the only newcomer to the England team which plays Australia in the Sydney Football Stadium tonight. Otherwise, as expected, the team has as much experience as Graham Taylor has available.

Although Hirst was not an official member of the party until eleven days ago, his selection is logical. Brought in to replace Smith, he is the most natural foil for Lineker, the captain who will be joined by his fifth different partner in the last year.

No other forward available to Taylor is as suitable. Ian Wright will, in future, probably play instead of Lineker rather than with him. Their strengths are so similar that they do not blend well.

Clough, as he admitted yesterday, is more comfortable in the deeper role which he fills for his club and — after taking over from the injured Barnes against Argentina last Saturday — briefly for his country. He is to resume there and collect his second full cap almost two years after winning his first under Bobby Robson against Chile.

Hirst was surprised to be asked to make his debut after being his belated call-up. Yet the scorer of 32 goals last season could develop into a genuine international. His only obvious flaw is inconsistency. "I wanted to see him in the first team as soon as possible," Taylor said.

Lineker has no misgivings about forming yet another new partnership, his tenth in his 65th appearance. "It is not like doubles in tennis. You have to concentrate on doing your own job within the team pattern. Besides, I've been impressed with him whenever I've seen him.

"I've played against him a couple of times in the season before last and watched him in the Rumbelows Cup final against Manchester United. He was quiet then but he looks quick and strong. He gets into scoring positions and I'm sure he'll cause them problems."

Clough, the third man in the front line, is relieved to be given another opening. After his dispiriting experience against the Chileans, he feared that his international career might be over almost as soon as it had started.

The fresh attack will attempt to penetrate a defence which has already been partially dismantled. Kalantzis, a left back who plays for Panathinaikos, failed to turn up for training after travelling back from Greece and has been omitted. One of four representatives based abroad, Kalantzis, was considered their most reliable defender.

Eddie Thomson, Australia's Scottish manager, will employ a sweeper system but the protective measure is sure to be a gamble. The principle responsibility will be carried by Zelic, aged 19, who has never before been picked in this role for his country.

Taylor's selection sent an indirect message to the hosts. "I am saying that we do not underestimate Australia and I'm saying to the public that we have not come here just to play about." There was, it seems, no need to persuade the local population.

The crowd in the futuristic new stadium, on the boundaries of the more famous cricket ground, is likely to reach the capacity of 41,000. Eight years after England were held to two draws during their three-match tour, the Australians have been attracted by the prospect of an improbable victory.

It was thought that the spectacle would be spoiled by the conditions. During a rugby league fixture, staged in torrential rain in mid-week, the pitch resembled a quagmire. When England practised last night, though, the surface was remarkably dry, albeit pockmarked and bumpy.

AUSTRALIA: R Zebica (Adelaide City); N Zelic (Sydney Croatia), V Bozinovski (Sporting Lisbon), M Buratovic (South Melbourne), A Marth (Melbourne Croatia), A Tobin (Adelaide City), P Wade (South Melbourne), M Petersen (South Melbourne), A Vidmar (Adelaide City), G Arnold (Rockdale), E Tapai (Adelaide City). Substitutes: J Filan (St George, Sydney), A Vidmar (Adelaide City), B Milosevic (Melbourne Croatia), I Gray (Marconi, Sydney), G Brown (Melita Eagles, Sydney).
ENGLAND: C Woods (Rangers); P Parker (Queen's Park Rangers), S Pearce (Nottingham Forest), D Batty (Leeds United), D Walker (Nottingham Forest), M Wright (Derby County), D Platt (Aston Villa), G Thomas (Crystal Palace), N Clough (Nottingham Forest), G Lineker (Tottenham Hotspur), D Hirst (Sheffield Wednesday). Substitutes (to be named).

Uruguayans off

Two Uruguayans were sent off in their 2-1 defeat by Chile in Santiago. Rubén Pereira and Rubén dos Santos were ordered off in the last 10 minutes after Chile had gone two goals ahead. The Chilean defender, Luis Abarca, deflected a shot from the Uruguayan substitute, Venancio Ramos, past his own goalkeeper in the last minute.

Play-off promises the best of a Barnet reunion

By CLIVE WHITE

IT MAY sound like the height of treachery, but there will be a man travelling on the Notts County team coach to tomorrow's second division play-off final against Brighton at Wembley who would be as happy as a sandboy if the seasiders were to fill the remaining vacancy in the first division for next season.

Barry Fry, a one-time Busby Babe and for the past decade the Barnet manager, wheeler-dealer, talent-spotter supreme, is a man with a foot in both camps. A good friend of Neil Warnock and Barry Lloyd, the two managers, from their days together in non-league, Fry's loyalties are acutely divided by the fact that two "of my Barnet boys" will be appearing on each side and, furthermore, in direct opposition to one another.

It is a reflection on the strides made by the four former Barnet players that the outcome of their old boys' reunion promises to determine the course of the match. Fry, in common with the rest of the large audience, will be waiting with baited breath to see how Robert Codner and Nicky Bissett, of Brighton, shape up against Paul Harding and Dave Regis, of Notts County respectively. Come what may, for the second time in his life Fry is destined to finish on the winning side at Wembley. Thirty years ago he scored for England Schoolboys in a 5-3 win over Scotland.

He is on the Notts County team coach, apparently, as mascot. On the two occasions that he has watched them play, County have won both times, by a margin of 1-0 with headers from . . . Regis and Harding. It is County's way of thanking Fry for selling them the two players for a combined fee of £150,000 which Regis and Harding have wasted little time in repaying this season since County have carried on the good work of last when the qualified from the third division play-offs.

Regis has scored sixteen goals whereas Harding saved his one and only goal for the 79th minute of the second leg of the semi-final play-off against Middlesbrough which sent Notts County back to Wembley.

Whereas Regis is perhaps a naturally late developer, Harding, who is also 27, is now reviving a career which should have blossomed years ago. "I had a very bad attitide when I was younger and got sent off a lot," he said.

"Clubs were warned off me but with experience you learn. I'd love to have known what I know now. I'd like to make a success of myself in as short a time as possible."

Given a second chance at the full professional level, Harding is not about to refuse it. A career that started out as a promising schoolboy at Chelsea and drifted as far down the ladder as the lower reaches of the Vauxhall League has now almost gone full circle. He worked as a builder while he was with Barnet and has taken a severe wage cut in order to realise his long lost ambition.

The story of Codner, who started out at Leicester City is not dissimilar, though some of his critics still question his attitude which Fry also had reason to on occasion. "If he could motivate himself week in, week out, like I know he can, he'd be an international footballer."

Fry waxed even more lyrically about Bissett, whom he believed would now be on the verge of full international honours had he not suffered a double fracture of his leg 13 months ago. Diplomatically Fry declined to pick a winner in those particular individual contests but felt obliged to plump for Notts County to win the team event. "I've got to say that, otherwise they'll throw me off the coach."

County's cynicism a threat to Brighton

By LOUISE TAYLOR

WATCHING Notts County, who tomorrow contest a first division place with Brighton at Wembley, provokes a mixture of admiration and abhorrence. Direct, physical and determined, Neil Warnock's team lack pretensions but are superbly organised. Frequently active at the elbows and late in the tackle, they have made an art of being just cynical enough not to amass a multitude of bookings, while goading opponents into retaliation.

Such streetwise tactics distracted Middlesbrough in the semi-final, but in Johnson, on the wing, and Draper, in the midfield, Notts County — who won the third division play-off last year — do also possess quality. Defensively, they are difficult to dismantle, with much of the credit belonging to O'Riordan whose role in front of the centre halves stifles opposing midfields.

"My players are mis-fits, has-beens, and never-beens, but we never know we have lost," Warnock says.

Brighton are a similarly motley crew, and Warnock feels an affinity with Barry Lloyd, his counterpart tomorrow: "He is one of the few managers I like. At least he talks to me, most do not." Not that Warnock is bothered. He is more concerned about Brighton's players, Small, their six foot tall centre forward, in particular. Byrne and Codner, represent two other potential match-winning individuals in a side which recently went seven hours without scoring a goal.

Today's third division play-off final involves **Bolton Wanderers** and **Tranmere Rovers** who met in the semi-final last year. Then it was Rovers who progressed to a Wembley defeat against Notts County, but neither side should be overawed by the national stadium.

Tranmere, who lost to Birmingham in the Leyland DAF final last week, are there for the fifth time in three seasons, while it is Bolton's third visit in five years.

CYCLING

Parked car puts end to Timmis's Milk Race hopes

By PETER BRYAN

ADRIAN Timmis, fourth overall and 41 seconds behind the Milk Race leader, Chris Walker, at the start of yesterday's fifth stage, ended up in hospital after colliding with a parked car 45 miles into the Ipswich-Milton Keynes leg.

The former Tour de France rider was in the main pack of 80 riders negotiating Saffron Walden when he collided with the car and hit the windscreen before rolling off the bonnet. He received attention from the race doctor and later went to hospital where a broken collarbone was diagnosed. He received treatment for extensive lacerations.

A witness said that the riders at the front of the pack had spotted the car's position and attempted to signal those behind to be careful. Timmis faces a month's absence from racing.

The 124-mile stage, the longest of the 1,150-mile race, produced a record breakaway which Jacobs Ouwerkerk, of The Netherlands, started at the gun, staying clear until Monks Eleigh (13 miles) where he was joined by four other amateurs: Darren Lawson, of Australia, Casper van Meer, of The Netherlands, Paul Leitch, of New Zealand, and Ian Chivers, of Ireland.

None of the five represented any danger to Walker or others in the top 20 overall. At Lavenham (17 miles) the group, all sharing the pace, had opened up a 4min 04sec gap with the main pack showing no reaction. In the next 40 miles the lead increased to a massive 18min 55sec, making Leitch the new race leader on the road.

When the peloton heard the news, the speed was raised but the fugitives showed no signs of fatigue and rode at a steady 25 mph towards Milton Keynes.

Ouwerkerk tired on the last two miles and dropped off but received a special award for the day's outstanding performance.

☐ Franco Chioccioli, of Italy, reclaimed the overall lead of the Giro d'Italia yesterday after finishing just behind the Spaniard, Marino Lejarreta, in the 246km fifth stage which finished at Scanno in the Abruzzi mountains.

RESULT: Fifth stage (Ipswich to Milton Keynes, 124 miles): 1, D Lawson (Aus), 4hr 51min 51sec; 2, T Leitch (NZ); 3, C van der Meer (Neth), both same time; 4, I Chivers (Ire), at 2sec; 5, J Ouwerkerk (Neth), at 2min 48sec; 6, C Weber (Banana-Falcon), at 6:39. Overall positions: 1, Walker, 20hr 49min 13sec; 2, S Hampsel (England) amateurs), at 18sec; 3, K Reynolds (Banana-Falcon), at 2:2; 4, H Lodge (Collstrop-lacglais, GB), at 47; 5, R Holden (Banana-Falcon), at 52; 6, P Curran (England amateurs), at 58; 7, B Rasenberg (TVM, Neth), at 2min 11sec; 8, J Bogaert (Collstrop-lacglais, Belg), at 2:10; 9, J Clay (Banana-Falcon), at 2:17; 10, Z Spruch (Pol), at 2:24. Overall team: 1, Banana-Falcon 61:22:21; 2, England amateurs 61:54:49; 3, Collstrop-lacglais 61:58:33. Points: Walker 94pts. Sprints: J Walshaw (GB Professionals).
TODAY: Sixth stage (Kettering to Leicester, 64 miles): start, 11.00; Market Harborough, 11.38; finish, 13.38.

EQUESTRIANISM

Whitaker driven to limit by Todd

By JENNY MACARTHUR

JOHN Whitaker and Henderson Milton, the European show jumping champions, found themselves at full stretch yesterday when relegating New Zealand's double Olympic three-day event champion, Mark Todd on Kleenex Double Take, to second place in the £21,000 Emirates Airline Cup, the richest outdoor grand prix in Europe.

The win brings Whitaker's career winnings with Mr and Mrs Tom Bradley's 13-year-old gelding to "nearly £900,000". Although the partnership has won most of show jumping's main prizes, including two world cups, this was the first time they had won the Hickstead grand prix.

Despite the presence of many of Europe's top show jumpers, Whitaker had anticipated that Todd would be one of the hardest to beat. "I knew after the Bath and West show that he was on form," Whitaker said. At that show, on Wednesday, Todd and Double Take — the horse he hopes to ride in the show jumping event at the Barcelona Olympics — had finished second in the Henderson Graind Prix, ahead of Whitaker and Milton.

Thirteen horses reached the jump off in which the top Dutch rider, Jos Lansink on Optiebeurs Egano, took an early lead with an outstanding performance. Todd promptly replied with a brilliant piece of riding in which a crucial turn inside fence nine after the penultimate fence helped him to finish three-quarters of a second faster. Whitaker, unluckily for Todd, took the same short cut but still had to ride with urgency to finish a fraction of a second inside Todd's time.

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RESULTS: Emirates Airline Cup (British grand prix): 1, Henderson Milton (J Whitaker, GB), 0 in 48.85sec; 2, Kleenex Double Take (M Todd, NZ), 0 in 48.58; 3, Optiebeurs Egano (J Lansink, Neth), in 50.38; 4, Countryman (D Broome, GB), 0 in 50.85; Emirates Airline Cheese: 1, Senator Hudson Boy (M Lucas), 0 in 87.27; 2, Alibi Paul Florain (N Skelton), 0 in 88.46; 3, Everest Gringo (E-J Brown), 0 in 91.92.

IN BRIEF

Life ban is lifted

STEVE Bainbridge, who was suspended by Newcastle Gosforth rugby union club last October after being sent off for head-butting, has had his life ban lifted by the club.

BASKETBALL: Los Angeles Lakers beat the Portland Trail Blazers 91-90 on Thursday to reach the NBA finals, where they will meet the Chicago Bulls.

CRICKET: Tony Stockley, an off-spinner, who played for Surrey and South Australia up to the late Seventies, has died in Adelaide, aged 51.

RUGBY LEAGUE: Roger Millward has agreed to become coach at Halifax on a two-year contract.

BOWLS: New Zealand drew the series with England when they won the fourth match by 10-8 at Worthing yesterday.

YACHTING: The America's Cup organisers have accepted a request from the Yugoslav entry, the Yacoma Challenge, to be registered as Croatian.

BOXING: Terry Norris, who beat Sugar Ray Leonard in February, defends his World Boxing Council light-middleweight title against Don Curry in Palm Springs today.

GOLF: The Links Trophy at St Andrews today has the special attraction for amateurs this year of a possible place in the Walker Cup team to face the Americans in September.

ATHLETICS: David Jones, aged 27, a classical guitar teacher, from Hull, runs in the Stockholm marathon today, his 73rd marathon in 12 months.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Defense can check threat from Knights

NEW YORK — However many awards the London Monarchs win in the inaugural season of the World League of American Football (WLAF), the players know that they count for nothing if they lose to the New York-New Jersey Knights tomorrow (Richard Wetherell writes). Entering the play-off game, Larry Kennan has been voted WLAF coach of the year, Stan Gelbaugh was the unanimous choice as most valuable offensive player and Danny Lockett shared the league's defensive award.

For all the records Gelbaugh has set under Kennan's direction — he was the top-rated quarterback, throwing for the most yards, 2,655, and tied for the most touchdown passes, 17 — the two games against the Knights have been won by the Monarchs defense. In the first, at Wembley, it took two Dedrik Dodge interceptions in the concluding minutes to confirm a 22-18 victory.

In the rematch, with one minute 12 seconds left and Monarchs leading 9-7, Dodge intercepted a Jeff Graham pass for a touchdown.

That second game was marked by numerous shoving incidents. A rivalry, almost unhealthily intense, has developed and it is likely to be fuelled by a home crowd of 50,000.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

SEVILLE: Expo '92 meeting: Men: 100m (1): 1, M Witherspoon (US), 10.37; 2, R Stewart (Jam), 10.40; 3, P Stevens (Bel), 10.80; 5, B Johnson (Can), 10.69. 100m (2): 1, D Mitchell (US), 10.15; 2, C Lewis (US), 10.30; 3, M Marsh (US), 10.34. 200m: 1, M Johnson (US), 20.29; 2, Mitchell 20.63; 3, F Heard (US), 20.66. 400m: 1, S Lewis (US), 44.71; 2, R Hernandez (Cuba), 44.80; 3, A Pettigrew (USA), 44.88. 4, R Black (GB), 44.96. 800m: 1, P Ereng (Ken), 1:45.59; 2, J Gray (US), 1:45.75; 3, T Dolce (Sp), 1:46.89. 1,500m: 1, O Kirwa (Ken), 3min 36.06sec; 2, M Silva (Por), 3.37.82; 3, J-L Gonzalez (Sp), 3.37.91. 5,000m: 1, F O'Kiara (Ire), 13:18.82; 2, Y Ondieki (Ken), 13.18.93; 3, D Castro (Por), 13.20.48. 110m hurdles: 1, G Foster (US), 13.28; 2, C Hoskins (US), 13.34; 3, M McPherson (Canada) 13.58. 400m hurdles: 1, D Harris (US), 48.39; 2, W Graham (Jam), 48.91; 3, D Patrick (US), 48.98. Discus: 1, R Ubamtsev (USSR), 66.22m; 2, M Burvic (US), 65.84; 3, V Kidiliss (USSR), 65.23. Hammer: 200m: 1, M Otruy (Jam), 22.15; 2, D Young (US), 22.86; 3, D Cecin (US), 23.24. 800m: 1, E van Langen (Neth), 1:58.66; 2, A Duriot (Cuba), 1:58.92; 3, L Gunina (USSR), 1:59.28. 100m hurdles: 1, L Nenashev (USSR), 12.68; 2, N Grigoryeva (USSR), 12.74; 3, L Nastase (Rom), 13.19. 400m hurdles: 1, S Farmer-Patrick (US), 54.57; 2, M Ponomaryeva (USSR), 54.76; 3, K Freeman (US), 56.30. Long jump: 1, H Drechsler (Ger), 7.24m; 2, L Berezhnaya (USSR), 7.11m, 3, L Ninove-Rudolf (Austria), 6.95m. Shot: 1, V Fedkustina (USSR), 19.92m; 2, B Laux (Cuba), 18.83; 3, K Neenke (Ger), 18.58.

Shearing, 21-6; W Anderson bt P Cooper, 21-10. Semi-finals: Dyer bt Tovey, 21-12; Anderson bt Woodley, 21-17.

BOXING

MADRID: WBA Light-featherweight championship: Luis Mendoza (Col) ko Joao Cardoso de Oliveira (Br), 7th rnd.
BIRMINGHAM: Professional bill: Light-welterweights: W Taylor (Birmingham) bt B North (Mansfield), rsc 2nd rnd. Light-welter: M Ramsey (Birmingham) bt C Sinnott (Preston), pts. Light-middle: R Woodhall (Telford) bt M Duke (Gt Yarmouth), rsc 4th. Middle: R McCracken (Birmingham) bt P Murray (Birmingham), rsc 2nd. Heavy: A Malcolm (Birmingham) drew with S Gee (Birmingham).

CRICKET

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Cardiff: School: Kent 288-7 dec and 225-2 dec (M C Dobson 86 not out, G D Myers 55); Northamptonshire 250-8 dec (V J Wells 4-34) and 173-7 (M Loye 56). Match drawn. Bradford: Warwickshire (W Khan 89, I Stear 81, N M K Smith 50) and 136 (M Burns 58 not out; I J Houseman 5-39). Yorkshire 240 (D Gough 62, P A Grayson 50) and 234-6 (S N Hartley 84 not out, B Parker 59; G Welch 5-40). Yorkshire won by 4 wkts. North Perrott: Gloucester 298-4 dec (M J Cann 162, S P James 150) and 190-6 dec (Cann 67); Somerset 278 (M Lathwell 79, N J Pringle 57) and 241-5 (R J Bartlett 106). Match drawn. Uxbridge: Lancashire 413-3 dec (S P Titchard 181 not out, T E Jesty 105 not out, N J Speak 92) and 171-6 dec (Titchard 61). Middlesex 300-3 dec (J C Pooley 135, T A Radford 88, M Keech 63 no.' out) and 155-5 (P N Weekes 69 not out). Match drawn.
BAIN CLARKSON TROPHY, Kidderminster: Worcester 259-3 (G J Lord 82, P Bent 77); Gloucestershire 140. Worcestershire won by 119 runs. Colchester: Surrey 189-9; Essex 139 (N M Kendrick 4-28). Surrey won by 50 runs.

CROQUET

CHELTENHAM: Men's national championship: J Haslam bt T Gelbish, +15, +4, +2; D Baughan bt P Smith, +25TP, +18; D Openshaw bt A Sutcliffe, +25TP, +5; F Maugham bt R Ransom, +2, +1 P Dorfle bt A Gregory, +13, +7, D Goschke bt G Lucidarol, +21, +13, M Murray bt S Corrach, +2, +23 C Haslam bt C Williams, +10, +22; J Guest bt F Lander, +7T, +11

CYCLING

GIRO D'ITALIA: Fifth stage (Sorrento to Scanno, 246km): 1, M Lejarreta (Sp), 6hr 47min 09sec; 2, F Chioccioli (It), same time; 3, C Chiappucci (It), at 50sec; 4, E Boyer (Fr), at 50; 5, M Lelli (It), at 50; 6, F Echave (Sp), at 50. Overall: 1, Chioccioli, 23hr 32min 33sec; 2, Lejarreta, at 06sec; 3, Boyer, at 50; 4, Chiappucci, at 1'01; 5, G Bugno (It), at 1'03; 6, V Putnikov (USSR), at 1'16.
ST NAZAIRE, France: Tour d'Amorique: Final stage (time-trial): 1, T Marie (Fr), 18min 47sec; 2, and 1; Leach bt Wells, 4 and 3; Mr Justice Brown bt Wilcox, 2 and 1; Joy bt Bisiello, 6 and 5; Stephens bt Clarke, 1 hole; Westcott bt Fagans, 2 and 1; Waters bt Norris, 2 and 1; D Watson bt M Roberts, 1 hole; C Symons QC bt M Hardgrave, 5 and 4; C Kemp bt J Carey, 3 and 2; Mr Justice Buckley bt J Medd, 4 and 2; Mr Justice Henry bt R Heyward, 1 hole; N Wilkinson QC bt M Neill, 1 hole; Judge B Carter QC bt J Weet, 5 and 4; R Stead bt N Stewart, 1 hole. Fourth round: Dickens bt Slater, 4 and 2; Leach bt Mr Justice Brown, 4 and 3; Stephens bt Joy, 1Sth; Westcott bt Waters, 2 and 1; Symons bt Watson, 2 and 1; Kemp bt Mr Justice Buckley, 1 hole; Mr Justice Henry bt Wilkinson, 4 and 3; Stead bt Judge Buckley bt J Medd, 4 and 2; Mr Justice Henry bt R Heyward, 1 hole; N Wilkinson QC bt M Neill, 1 hole; Judge B Carter QC bt J Weet, 5 and 4; R Stead bt N Stewart, 1 hole. Fourth round: Dickens bt Slater, 4 and 2; Leach bt Mr Justice Brown, 4 and 3; Stephens bt Joy, 1Sth; Westcott bt Waters, 2 and 1; Symons bt Watson, 2 and 1; Kemp bt Mr Justice Buckley, 1 hole; Mr Justice Henry bt Wilkinson, 4 and 3; Stead bt Judge Ramsey, 1 hole; C Symons

England find no room for Fairbrother in first Test squad

Selectors decide not to gamble with Lawrence

By ALAN LEE
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

IF SELECTION is all about being brave when it counts, England have confronted one sensitive decision but ducked two more in the party named for the first Cornhill Test match against West Indies next week.

It cannot have been easy to discard Neil Fairbrother, a matter of days after his first international century. But as the Tests are about time and temperament rather than shots against the clock the selectors were undoubtedly right to favour Mark Ramprakash, who will make his Test debut at the age of 21.

Given, however, that the venue is Headingley and a draw is consequently the least likely of the three results, England's preference for Derek Pringle and Richard Illingworth ahead of David Lawrence and Phil Tufnell is not so easy to appreciate. They are conservative selections, promoting damage-limitation above wicket-taking.

Illingworth is one of three potential debutants, Graeme Hick naturally being the other, but if traditional Headingley conditions prevail, England may yet be tempted to play all four seam bowlers and rely upon Hick and Ramprakash for spin bowling.

The announcement of the team was long delayed by the laudable insistence of Graham Gooch, the captain, that he should first speak personally to certain players. He spent the lunch interval at Bristol on his mobile phone but a jammed switchboard at Old Trafford, where Fairbrother was awaiting bad news, further held up the operation.

He did have plenty of time for phone calls later, having been dismissed second ball by Lawrence, whose wild celebrations were not unconnected to the fact that Gooch had already broken news of his omission to him.

Along with Ted Dexter and Micky Stewart, his fellow selectors, Gooch has plainly aimed for what he considers a Headingley team. Pringle has been cast in this particular play before only for it to turn into a charade; he will not, for instance, need reminding of the 1989 game against Australia, a humiliating defeat in which his match figures were one for 183. He was picked only once more that summer.

The third of his four previous Tests on the Leeds ground, however, was more successful and may have been thought more significant. Against the 1988 West Indians, Pringle took five for 95, his best figures for England. With conditions in his favour he remains an effective, if somewhat plodding performer, definitely not one to sow too many doubts in West Indian minds.

In rejecting the theory of pairing Lawrence with Devon Malcolm, the selectors presumably thought it an imprudent risk to include two bowlers who might concede 60 runs inside an hour. The fact that, together, they might just have taken three or four wickets in that time was not sufficiently persuasive.

Malcolm's new-ball partner will now be DeFreitas, who has bowled admirably this season but would have been better suited to the first-change job. Lewis has profited from the injury which keeps out Botham but might be the most vulnerable if it is decided to leave out one of the faster bowlers, in which department the best news of yesterday was Angus Fraser's successful return for Middlesex.

Illingworth, whose "sound temperament" was singled out for mention by Dexter, stands to play his first Test in his native Yorkshire and will let nobody down, but it is difficult to envisage him influencing a Test as Tufnell has already done and might do again.

Ramprakash, the son of a Guyanese club cricketer, has been earmarked for Test cricket since his Middlesex debut four years ago. Although he is not the most placid of characters, there is now a new maturity in his game. Dexter, having explained that consideration was given to Alec Stewart, Gower, Fairbrother and Benson, said of his choice: "He has made good strides for the last couple of seasons and has the class to continue his development at the highest level."

☐ The fifth Cornhill Test at the Oval, which starts on August 8, is sold out for the Friday and Saturday. Total receipts exceed £500,000.

England team

	Age	Tests
G A Gooch (Essex, capt)	37	85
M A Atherton (Lancs)	23	13
G A Hick (Worcs)	25	0
A J Lamb (Northants)	38	70
R A Smith (Hants)	27	23
M Ramprakash (Middx)	21	0
R C Russell (Glouc)	27	20
D R Pringle (Essex)	32	21
C C Lewis (Leics)	23	4
R K Illingworth (Worcs)	27	0
P A J DeFreitas (Lancs)	25	20
D E Malcolm (Derbys)	28	16

ENGLAND PARTY FIRST-CLASS AVERAGES

Batting and fielding

	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avge	100	50	Ct
R C Russell	3	2	0	175	111	87.50	1	1	4
A J Lamb	2	3	1	159	74*	79.50	-	2	-
M A Atherton	4	6	1	336	138	67.20	2	1	2
D R Pringle	4	4	1	162	68	54.00	-	2	5
R K Illingworth	4	3	1	94	58*	47.00	-	1	2
G A Gooch	4	5	1	178	101*	44.50	1	-	3
R A Smith	3	6	0	251	74	41.83	-	2	5
M R Ramprakash	5	7	0	271	119	38.71	1	1	-
P A J DeFreitas	4	4	0	124	47	31.00	-	-	1
G A Hick	4	5	0	146	58	29.00	-	2	5
C C Lewis	2	2	1	20	12	20.00	-	-	1
D E Malcolm	2	2	0	20	18	10.00	-	-	-

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Avge	Best	5w	10w
G A Gooch	23	12	29	2	14.50	2-21	-	-
C C Lewis	50	11	122	7	17.42	5-35	1	-
D R Pringle	137	41	298	14	21.28	5-70	1	-
P A J DeFreitas	129.3	33	379	16	23.68	6-88	1	-
D E Malcolm	72.5	10	226	8	28.25	3-47	-	-
R K Illingworth	70	13	193	2	96.50	1-46	-	-
G A Hick	10	2	28	0	-	-	-	-
M R Ramprakash	14	2	63	0	-	-	-	-

☐ Compiled by TCCB/Bull Computer Official Statistics

Brown wanted

Messaggero Roma want to replace their veteran American basketball player, Michael Cooper, with his compatriot, Mike Brown, of Utah Jazz, for whom they have made a $2 million bid. Brown has already played in the Italian league with Desio.

Timur banned

The Indonesian, Minarti Timur, the world's eighth ranked woman badminton player, has been banned from international tournaments for 18 months for using drugs during the 1991 Japan Open championships. The ban by the International Badminton Federation (IBF), has effectively ruled Timur out of next year's Olympics when the sport will feature in competition for the first time.

Atkinson stays with Wednesday

By IAN ROSS

RON Atkinson placed loyalty above the prospect of realising a long-held ambition yesterday when he announced that he would remain manager of Sheffield Wednesday.

Just 24 hours after Atkinson had provisionally agreed to succeed Josef Venglos as manager of Aston Villa, he underwent a change of heart and decided to remain at Hillsborough to plan Wednesday's return to the first division next season.

Atkinson said that he had arrived at Hillsborough, early yesterday morning, fully expecting to sever his ties with the Yorkshire club at a hastily convened meeting of the board of directors.

However, after discussing his future with David Richards, the Wednesday chairman, Atkinson emerged to tell supporters, many of whom were in tears, that he would stay at the club to honour the remaining two years of a lucrative contract he signed just six months ago.

"I came to the ground today expecting to pack up and go," he said. "There were two reasons why I had decided to leave and join Aston Villa," he said.

"First, I have an affection for the club which stretches back many years; I started my career there and it has always been an aspiration of mine to manage them. Second, Villa Park is only 20 minutes drive from where I live in Bromsgrove."

Predictably, Richards was jubilant after persuading his manager to remain "We are absolutely delighted that he is staying to help forward this club," Richards said.

Had Atkinson decided to accept Villa's offer, he would have done so only a few hours before his Wednesday team boarded an open-top bus to undertake a tour of Sheffield to celebrate promotion to the first division and the Rumbelows Cup final victory over Manchester United.

"I must be barmy to have even thought about leaving here," he said. "No other football club in this country but Aston Villa would have tempted me into thinking of leaving Sheffield Wednesday. Many, many things have gone through my mind over the past 48 hours; I don't think I have slept at all.

"When I saw the supporters who had gathered outside the ground, and talked to my chairman, I realised how special these people have been to me.

"That was a deciding factor. If I had left I would have been leaving what I consider to be the best job in football. I do regard this as the best football club in the country.

"We have come a long way in the last 12 months but I believe that we can go even further."

Atkinson telephoned Doug Ellis, the chairman of Aston Villa, immediately after yesterday morning's two-hour board meeting to inform him of his decision.

"He was disappointed but all right about it," Atkinson said.

Atkinson began his managerial career at the non-League club, Kettering Town, before joining Cambridge United — who were twice promoted under him — before he left to succeed Ronnie Allen at West Bromwich Albion in 1978.

After three years in charge at The Hawthorns, Atkinson joined Manchester United where he won the FA Cup twice, in 1983 and 1985, before being dismissed in 1986.

A short, and unhappy, spell in charge of Atlético Madrid in Spain followed before he returned to England to manage West Bromwich Albion for a second time in 1987. He joined Wednesday in February 1989.

DEAN ATKINS



Mind made up: Atkinson takes stock after a change of heart prevented his proposed move to Aston Villa

Disappointed Ellis resumes hunt for a Villa manager

By CHRIS MOORE

ASTON Villa are back to square one in their search for a successor to Jozef Venglos as manager after yesterday's events at Hillsborough.

Doug Ellis, the Villa chairman, maintained a stony silence all day, refusing to handle media calls. "He made no comment before all this and has nothing to say now," a club spokesman said.

There is no question, however, that Ellis was stunned by Ron Atkinson's change of mind and livid that his planned deal had been effectively scuppered by the embarrassing timing of the leak, just 24 hours before Sheffield Wednesday's civic reception.

Atkinson was not, in any case, the supporters' choice. A telephone poll organised by the *Birmingham Evening Mail* found 538 of those polled wanted Kenny Dalglish. Bruce Rioch, of Millwall, was second with 458 votes, with Terry Venables (422) third. Atkinson (288) was fifth behind Brian Little (294).

One name so far not linked with the job, but which could come into the reckoning, is that of Bobby Robson, the former England manager, who is only two games away from winning the Dutch league championship with PSV Eindhoven. PSV lead Ajax on goal-difference and if they go on to take the title, Robson is expected to remain in charge for another season.

There has been speculation in The Netherlands, however, that his job may not be secure if PSV finish the season without a trophy. Ellis has said he is looking for an experienced British manager with a proven record as a winner, and Robson, like Atkinson, fits that bill.

☐ Leicester City and Darlington have agreed on a compensation figure for Brian Little, who became manager at Filbert Street on Wednesday. His replacement at Darlington is Frank Gray, the former Scottish international, who has been the club's player-coach for the last two years.

Little made his first appointment yesterday when the former Aston Villa and Leicester player, Allan Evans, joined the coaching staff.

Bruin steps down

Mike Milbury, who led the Boston Bruins ice hockey team to two consecutive 100-point seasons, has stepped down as coach to become assistant general manager. Milbury led Bruins to the Stanley Cup finals in his first season as coach.

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Senna admits an addiction to winning

From NORMAN HOWELL
IN MONTREAL

ON THE eve of the Canadian Formula One grand prix weekend, Ayrton Senna yesterday admitted that he had to succeed.

"I am addicted to winning, I can't do without it. The more I win, the more I want it," the Brazilian driver said. However, he was careful to dismiss the chances that he might carry on winning unopposed.

"The races are getting tougher each time and the other teams are not as far away from us as some of the press reports have led the public to believe," Senna said.

That is probably true, though quite where a sustained challenge to McLaren-Honda's domination will come from is unclear.

An insight into the British team's seriousness about its business was given on Thursday. It has been the tradition at the Canadian grand prix to hold a "boat race" between the teams on the Olympic rowing course. It is an occasion of great fun for the mechanics, some of whom spend a considerable amount of time and effort in designing outrageous water craft. This year's race was won by Jordan. But McLaren did not take part, allegedly too busy.

Senna also admitted that he had not yet renegotiated his contract with McLaren, or anyone else.

"I am focusing all my energy on winning. Last year we lost focus, became vulnerable because we spent so much time negotiating. It won't happen this year: when the time is right, we'll talk, not before."

Gerhard Berger, Senna's team-mate, also spoke yesterday. The Austrian admitted that being in the same team as Senna was tough on him, but that the pressure did not come from the McLaren team, but rather from himself. He said that he was learning how to cope with it.

Berger denied that some of the inconsistent performances he has had this year could be attributed to not getting his tall frame to fit properly in the monocoque. "In Phoenix, the first race of the year, I still had some trouble," Berger said.

"It was a tight fit and I wore a hole in my driving boots because they rubbed so much against the car. But now everything is OK, it's all up to me."

Ferrari are here with a whole new management team. To add weight to them, the *scuderia's* president, Piero Fusaro, is also here.

His soothing words to the world's media — "we want to win with style, lose with dignity, and we have the people in place to do it" — have done nothing to dispel the impression that the Italian team has done too much too late. Alain Prost is wearing the most sceptical and twisted of his facial expressions, while Jean Alesi, though in high spirits in public, in private quietly mutters: "Hope it all goes well this weekend."

Yesterday morning's qualifying session was stopped for 45 minutes because Riccardo Patrese had an accident in his Williams. He was unhurt, as was Senna, who had to leave the car after he ran out of fuel.

However, there was much waving of yellow and red flags on this circuit, which has attracted much criticism in the past: a lack of rubber, and therefore grip on the track, plus the presence of manhole covers, has caused a number of accidents.

Fatigue fells Connors in Paris match

PARIS — Age and exhaustion finally caught up with Jimmy Connors at the French Open tennis championships yesterday (Andrew Longmore writes). After levelling his third-round match with Michael Chang at two sets all, Connors, who had been treated for a back injury in the third set, won the first point of the final set, walked slowly over to the umpire's chair and retired, leaving Chang victor by 4-6, 7-5, 6-2, 4-6.

As he fought to stay ahead in the fourth set, Connors, aged 38, had slowed almost to a walk, keeping ahead of the young American by instinct.

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Rocket blasts clear of the NFL's money orbit

SIMON BARNES ON SATURDAY

The National Football League, the monstrous organisation that runs the monstrous sport of American football in the United States, has a reputation for being the biggest, smartest, most marketing-wise and just about richest organisation that sport has seen. How wonderful, then, to learn that the NFL could not afford the sensational young college player, Raghib "Rocket" Ismail. "There's nobody like him in football today," it was said of the Notre Dame player.

Hot college prospects do not go into the world as naive kids with begging bowls, but this was beyond anything ever seen. Ismail was represented by Team Rocket, a collection of hot-shot agents, lawyers and advisers. They kicked off by asking the New England Patriots, who had first pick in the college draft, for $14.5 million over five years. The demand hopped up to $16.8 million over five years when Dallas Cowboys had negotiated first pick for themselves. In short, Ismail has done the impossible: priced himself out of the NFL.

All the same, he has just signed the richest contract in football history. He has joined Toronto Argonauts, of the Canadian Football League. His salary is $14 million over four years, $4.2 million in a guaranteed marketing package, up to $4 million in attendance incentives, up to $4 million in other business ventures, and a share in the "potential appreciation" of the Argonauts. The team owner, Bruce McNall, said: "We feel he is a very sound investment". When the contract expires, Ismail will be 25.

☐ *Football has already conquered the world. Cricket's conquest has been rather slower, but it marches on. I hear a new cricket ground is being developed on Malaga, the site of the Cartama Oval lies 20 minutes from Torremolinos. It is a massive project: 10,000 cubic metres of soil have been moved to level an area on what is a particularly lumpy bit of the world. There will also be three nets, and a pavilion. This makes the fourth ground on Malaga: Test-match status, and the usual perks of beating England cannot be far away.*

Double dose of woe

Alas, sport is never cut off from the sorrows and wickedness of real life. I hear a truly horrific tale from Lima, Peru. It happened at the Deportivo Municipal club, which is managed by Ramón Quiroga. Football buffs may recall that it was he that let in six goals against Argentina in the 1978 World Cup, allowing Argentina to reach the final on goal difference. It was said afterwards that the players would never again hear their national anthem without shame. Woe — albeit completely unrelated woe — has followed Quiroga. His team recently discovered three egg-shaped metal objects on their pitch. While they were examining one, it exploded, killing one player and injuring most of the rest, one or two seriously. The other two bombs were rendered harmless by police. Terrorism has long been a fact of life in Peru.

Go straight to jail

A 62-year-old American runner has been jailed for 90 days for cheating in a local road race. Harvey Sanders was taking part in the Century City 10km race, and claimed the $100 prize for being the fastest man over 60. But no one had seen him passing any of the intermediate checkpoints. He was asked to return the prize, but he stuck to his guns, insisting he had run all ten kilometres, and that nobody had noticed. Thus he was tried, and found guilty. His wife was neither surprised nor sympathetic. "If he cheated in the race, I'll bet he's been cheating on me for years," she said. "Maybe some time in the slammer will do him some good."

Ball-park figures

As the baseball players of the United States continue the unaccustomed task of playing baseball rather than pursuing the close-season sport of negotiating contracts — a far more confrontational business altogether — I learn that the average salary for Japanese major league baseball players has risen by 15.1 per cent, to an average of 26.3 million yen. This works out at US$202,000 a year. The US average is still ahead of this figure, at $891,188 in the previous season. The highest-paid player in Japan has not been officially announced, but it is probably Hiromitsu Ochiai, who receives an estimated 220 million yen ($1.63 million) which puts him into the American super, though not mega, star bracket. The average income for a Japanese industrial worker rose six per cent to 3.7 million yen (US$29,333).

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